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Thousands of groups disappointed

Charities seek bigger slice of lottery cake

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHARITIES yesterday demanded a greater share of National Lottery proceeds in a move that would mean less cash for the arts, sport, heritage and millennium projects.

The demands came as the National Lottery Charities Board awarded grants of more than £40 million to 627 groups, but conceded that up to 12,000 of the 15,000 organisations seeking money were likely to be disappointed.

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, was last night under mounting pressure to order a fundamental review of the way lottery cash is distributed amid fears that thousands of charitable groups are missing out as individual donations dwindle.

Stuart Etherington of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, called for charities to receive 8p out of every £1 spent on lottery tickets, instead of the current 5.6p — a change that could bring them another £80 to £100 million a year.

"The board has shown that it is able to distribute funds fairly across a wide range of charities throughout the country. The problem is that they do not have enough money. We hope that they will now alter the distribution between the five causes," Mr Etherington said.

He added that while yesterday's grants — to a range of causes from the Scouts to immigrant welfare organisations — represented a significant achievement, the council was concerned that they did not make up for losses suffered by charities in donations as a result of the lottery.

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The Home Office ordered an inquiry on Saturday into claims that competition from the lottery has cost them up to £300 million in the past year — the Royal National Institute for the Blind received £188,482 yesterday, but says its income has fallen by £500,000 the lottery was launched.

David Sieff, chairman of the lottery charities board, said that although it would award £160 million in its first round of grants ending in December, it was 15 times oversubscribed, having received 15,000 applications for £2.4 billion — the lottery's total income is £3.4 billion a year.

His board has received three times as many applications as the other four distribution groups put together and has so far considered only a third of them. The other bodies have had a relatively light task and the Millennium Commission has even had to court further applications from the North East and Northern Ireland. It is also actively seeking more applications from ethnic minorities.

"It is not for us to decide on the proportion of money that goes to charities, that's for the Government," Mr Sieff said, but he added: "Of course, if we had a bit more money we would know how to spend it."

Dr Jack Cunningham, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, is to raise the issue in the Commons debate on the lottery tomorrow. He said he was also setting up a group to advise Labour on how best to distribute the money. One possibility was to make the operation non-profit-making.

Mrs Bottomley will, however, resist demands for a greater proportion of lottery money to be spent on charities, although she is to introduce a series of minor changes to the way the distributing bodies operate. At present each receives 5.6 per cent of lottery proceeds, although this will change in 2001 when the Millennium Commission ceases to exist. Almost half the takings go on prizes and 5 per cent is kept by the promoters, Camelot. A similar amount goes to retailers and the Treasury takes 12 per cent.

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STEPHAN SAVOIA



President Clinton points out the delights of the fall to President Yeltsin during their talks at Franklin Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park, New York

Clinton and Yeltsin agree to seek total ban on nuclear tests

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AT HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

PRESIDENT CLINTON said last night that America and Russia had agreed to seek a total ban on nuclear weapons tests. At a joint news conference after a summit with President Yeltsin, Mr Clinton said: "This is a major, major step and it dramatically increases the chances of our success for a sweeping, comprehensive test-ban treaty."

Mr Clinton added that he and Mr Yeltsin had reached "complete agreement" on working together for peace in Bosnia. He added, however, that details remained to be worked out. US Administration sources said the two had ended 95 minutes of pre-lunch talks at Franklin Roosevelt's magnificent old estate on the Hudson River with a clearer understanding of each other's position. The two talked at length about how they could ensure the success of the peace talks between the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia which begin in Dayton, Ohio, a week today. With a settlement possible in weeks, resolving the impasse over Russia's role in the peace force had become urgent. The dispute was also fuelling Russia's already fierce opposition to the eastward expansion of Nato.

It was earlier understood that Mr Yeltsin wanted to contribute a full division to the implementation force but would not put Russian troops under Nato command. The Administration was ready to welcome Russian participation, believing it would help keep the Bosnian Serbs in line and pave the way for a new post-Cold War relationship between Russia and Nato, but officials had insisted that Nato must have sole command.

Learning from bitter experience, America was not ready to accept any "dual key" command arrangement. Nor would it give the Russians sole responsibility for policing the Serb sector of Bosnia, fearing that the country would end up divided into spheres of influence like Berlin after the Second World War. Moscow, on the other hand was not prepared to accept an American proposal that Russian troops should perform only support functions outside the command structure, such as mine clearing and bridge rebuilding.

For the benefit of photographers the two men had earlier sat on the wooden chairs overlooking the Hudson that Roosevelt and Churchill had used during their three wartime meetings. Mr Yeltsin, clearly impressed by his surroundings, remarked: "We are here planning peace, not war ... I'm sure in a place like this there are no problems we won't be able to resolve."

The presidents then adjourned for their serious talks to the mansion's library which, down to the leather-bound issues of *Punch* magazine and ten volume *History of England*, has been kept almost exactly as it was when Roosevelt died in April 1945. It was here that he broadcast several of his "fireside chats" and read *A Christmas Carol* to his children.

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Sailors want to keep ban on gays

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A ROYAL NAVY survey has revealed that 90 per cent of personnel want to continue the ban on homosexuals. The three Armed Forces are expected to support the ban when the Ministry of Defence has finished the process of asking all ranks for their views, expected by the end of the year.

Service chiefs are already aware of strong opposition to lifting the ban. Questionnaires have been sent to all units and a full report is not due until next January.

The survey of views from all ranks was announced in August, after a High Court case in which a judge said he did not believe the ban could survive much longer.

Four ex-Service personnel who were dismissed for being homosexual lost their case at the High Court earlier this year, despite the judge's comment. They went to the Court of Appeal two weeks ago, and a ruling is expected soon.

Neither Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, nor his advisers would want to lift the ban unless there was strong support from within the Services.

Faldos end marriage

The former golden couple of British golf, Gill and Nick Faldo, confirmed that their marriage is over. Faldo's name has been linked with Brenna Cepelak, 20, who is on a golf scholarship at the University of Arizona — Page 3

Slower growth boosts case for rates cut

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

ECONOMIC growth slowed to an annual 2.4 per cent in the third quarter of 1995, its weakest for two years, and looks likely to slow further in the coming months.

However, it was the fourteenth successive quarterly increase in economic growth measured by gross domestic product which is now 9.5 per cent higher than at the low point of the last recession.

This is the last quarterly figure available to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, before his Budget on November 28 and is expected to reinforce the case for lower interest rates.

Although City analysts largely welcomed the 0.5 per cent rise as "sustainable" growth, the deceleration in year on year growth from 2.8 per cent in the second quarter, and 3.7 per cent in the first, will be difficult for Mr Clarke to brush aside easily.

Aggregate growth appears sustainable but the Chancellor, in the run-up to the next general election, could be more concerned about the continued absence of "feel-good factor" among voters.

The Treasury's summer forecast put full year GPD growth this year at 3 per cent, slowing to 2.75 per cent next year. Some City analysts believe the 1996 forecast is now looking over-ambitious and difficult to meet, while others see the current slowdown as a temporary affair that will be reversed with interest rate cuts, probably early next year.

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Darcy hidden from adoring fans

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE striking portrait of Fitzwilliam Darcy, the hero of the BBC television adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, is unlikely to be seen again in public.

The picture was featured in last week's episode on a wall of the Darcy family seat and viewers who have swooned over actor Colin Firth's good looks and enigmatic performance might have hoped that they could get a better look at it or even acquire it. But it is out of their reach.

The portrait now in the possession of Sue Birtwhistle the producer of the series. Pictures commissioned for costume dramas are generally given, once they are no longer needed, to the subject or to the programme producer.

The artist, Peter Nurse, painted the portraits of Darcy and his sister Georgina from photographs of Firth and the actress, Amelia Fox, dressed for their respective roles.

Ms Birtwistle was said by her agent last night to be abroad, but it appears that the picture will not be available for purchase. "I expect a lot of people would like the chance to make a bid for it," a BBC spokeswoman said. "But I am afraid they are going to be disappointed."



The portrait of actor Colin Firth as Darcy

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Carlile's burning oratory proves hard to swallow

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

THE irony of yesterday's Commons exchanges on the dangers of oral contraception was that the male MPs seemed to be more clued up on the subject than the women. It was the Tory men who seemed to be taking the liveliest interest in the avoidance of unwanted pregnancies ... but then a number of them have to.

Mind you, Liberal Democrat spokesman Alex Carlile did become, in his excitement, a little confused. Could the Health Secretary advise us, he squeaked, "on the high risk of taking oral contraceptives and smoking at the same time?" MPs looked baffled. Are these Pills inflammable? A 1 in 3,000 risk of thrombosis dwindles by comparison with the certainty of third-degree burns to the throat.

If Mr Carlile is right, Stephen Dorrell can hardly be blamed for acting fast. There could have been a rash of oral blazes across the country last weekend, unquenchable mouth fires breaking out from Land's End to John o'Groats.

Indeed the sense of controlled hysteria with which MPs approached their responsibilities in this affair yesterday suggested a Britain very different from the one many of us thought we knew. Millions of women were panicking in the streets. What was to have been a nationwide orgy of autumn love-making on Thursday night had been abandoned at the last minute in confusion and despair.

The Government's response had been "lamentable" (Glenda Jackson, Lab, Hampstead), "a woeful failure" (Opposition spokesman Harriet Harman, Lab, Peckham); "half a million women" had been "frightened out of their lives" (Gwyneth Dunwoody, Lab, Crewe & Nantwich).

Readers who in recent days may have dined in Hampstead or passed Crewe without noticing the general alarum, now know that beneath any eerie sense of calm they may have observed, lies a reign of suppressed terror. "*Oh Mr Porter, what shall I do? I wanted to go to Birmingham but they've taken me on to Crewe!*" assumes a new horror.

The jilting cad of whom prosecuting counsel sings, in *Trial By Jury*: "*Picture then each honeyed hour/ Spent with this unmanly male./ Camberwell became a bower/ Peckham an Arcadian vale*" had better avoid Peckham, next time: Ms Harman's terrified constituents there have gone off sex for good.

All this provoked Tory Toby Jessel (Twickenham) into the day's most preposterous remark: as pregnancy is not an illness, he bellowed, "*why should the prevention of* a baby be regarded as a health measure?" He wanted oral contraceptives taken off the NHS. Watch out, Twickenham.

But I am afraid we are all going to have to get used to a constant state of high theatricality at the Commons for the next 18 months. Tony Blair set the tone last week when he tried to turn what might have been an amusing chance to poke fun at Michael Howard, into a sort of medieval morality play in which the forces of light confront the vortex of all evil. Failing to make this stick, Jack Straw took the rap: but he had been handed a silly brief. Yesterday, Harriet Harman sounded equally ludicrous. The Opposition might consider whether a continuous moral top-security alert is maintainable until 1997, or whether we might not grow cynical.

Earlier, in Points of Order, Wimbledon's Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes had urged MPs to abandon displays which were "archaic, quaint, and inexplicable to the general public". Like Dr Goodson-Wickes.

Dorrell pledges to 'learn any lessons' from Pill alarm

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

The Pill alert has brought to light at least 100 cases of women who claim to have suffered serious illness after taking one of the contraceptives. Lawyers preparing a test case involving two of the Pills said they had been flooded with calls. Before the warning, 200 women had joined in the legal claim. The number has now risen to 300 and more are expected. All the new cases involve women who have suffered deep vein thrombosis or a blood clot in the lung after using one of the seven named Pills.

A REVIEW of the way family doctors are alerted to important health developments was promised by Stephen Dorrell yesterday, as he faced charges of complacency and incompetence over last week's public alert on the Pill.

But the Health Secretary strongly defended the procedures used by his department to tell GPs of new risks associated with seven types of contraceptive pill.

The warning last Thursday that women on those brands were twice as likely as those on other types to suffer deep vein thrombosis led to special helplines being inundated with calls from worried women. The seven brands are Femodene, Femodene ED, Minulet, Triadene, Tri-Minulet, Marvelon and Mercilon.

Mr Dorrell told MPs that he accepted that not every GP knew at the ideal moment in order to give advice to their patients. "I concede that is true, and I recognise that after any incident of this kind we need to ensure the arrangements are reviewed in order to learn any lessons."

But he said MPs must recognise it was not possible to carry on a cosy correspondence between the Secretary of State for Health and 190,000 health professionals. The Medicines Control Agency had sent first class letters to 190,000 doctors and pharmacists last Wednesday. Faxes were sent to hospital drug information pharmacists. Directors of public health were alerted through the Epinet electronic communication system.

"Against this background, the agency planned a public announcement on Thursday afternoon in order to allow doctors and pharmacists time to assimilate the information," he said. But media inquiries on Thursday morning had forced the agency to bring forward the announcement to midday. The key points of the message were the same: that the increased risk of thrombosis from taking the seven brands remained roughly half the risk of thrombosis associated with pregnancy, and that women taking them should continue to do so until they had seen their GP or family planning doctor.

He said: "The Government has a duty to evaluate information on the safety of medicines as soon as it is available, and to ensure that doctors and their patients are in possession of the information necessary to allow them to make informed choices. That is what we have done."

Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokesman, said: "GPs are right to be angry that they had to rely for medical advice on page two of *The Guardian* and the BBC *Nine O'Clock News*." Some doctors had still not received notification by the end of Friday.

Demanding a review of procedures, she said: "Our GPs and their patients deserve better than the complacency and incompetence that this Government has shown."

Mr Dorrell said there were 1,174 calls on Saturday and 1,658 on Sunday to the information helpline, and "they were a great deal more calm and sensible than many of the people who have been commenting on this subject."

CRISPIN RODWELL



Mr Trimble, left, and Mr Spring, who failed to resolve their differences at talks in Belfast yesterday

Spring steers clear of the Shankill

BY NICHOLAS WATT

DICK SPRING, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, was forced to cancel a visit to the loyalist Shankill area of Belfast last night because of fears for his safety.

Irish government officials said that Mr Spring, who was on a day trip to Belfast, changed his schedule after the RUC warned that it could not guarantee his safety. Last night, however, the RUC denied it had provided any advice to the Irish officials.

Mr Spring, who was due to visit the headquarters of the Progressive Unionist Party on the Shankill Road, said he regretted that he could not visit the area. He later met Gusty Spence, a leading member of the PUP, at an hotel.

Fears of a loyalist protest against Mr Spring on the second anniversary of the IRA bomb attack on the Shankill Road led to the cancellation of his visit. Loyalists were infuriated on Sunday when republicans marched through the nationalist Ardoyne area of North Belfast in honour of Thomas Begley, the IRA terrorist who died in the attack which killed nine Protestants.

During a busy day in Belfast, Mr Spring held his first meeting with David Trimble since his election as leader of the Ulster Unionists. In a tense meeting, Mr Trimble accused Mr Spring of softening his position on the decommissioning of IRA arms. At a joint press conference after the talks at UUP headquarters, Mr Trimble described the meeting as useful, but said they had failed to resolve their differences.

Mr Spring said the meeting had improved relations between the two sides.

Sir Marcus faces 1922 challenge from Right

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tory Right staged a preliminary skirmish yesterday in the civil war that will break out in the party if it loses the election. Bob Dunn, 49, a right-wing former education minister, announced that he was challenging Sir Marcus Fox for the chairmanship of the 1922 Committee of Conservative MPs.

Both candidates in next month's poll of all Tory backbenchers hail from the Right. But Mr Dunn, who has close links with Sir George Gardiner's 92 Group of 100 right-wingers, is seen as closer to the disaffected Thatcherites who tried to topple John Major in the summer. MPs on the Centre-Left said they were thinking of putting up a candidate to profit from the split on the Right.

In a further move, Sir George acted to tighten the Right's grip on the executive of the 1922 Committee to be elected at the same time. He wrote to 92 Group members urging them to back a clear-out of the old guard from the 18-strong executive and its replacement with "new blood" from the Right.



Dunn: former minister with links to 92 Group

At least eight members of the current executive, including four office holders, are standing down at the election — Dame Jill Knight (joint vice-chairwoman), Sir Giles Shaw (treasurer), Sir John Hannam (joint secretary), Sir Peter Hordern (joint secretary), Sir Terence Higgins, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Sir Anthony Durant and Sir Anthony Grant.

Sir George will propose tomorrow at a 92 Group dinner that the "sound slate" of right-wing candidates for the 1922 executive and the officers of the other backbench Tory committees should be restricted to MPs intending to run again for Parliament.

"Bringing in new blood in this way will, I believe, add further cutting edge to our attack on Labour, and secure a degree of continuity into the general election and beyond," he said in his letter.

Sir George also confirmed that he would be retiring in January as chairman of the 92 Group after nearly 12 years.

The 1922 chairman and his executive will be key figures in the run-up to the election and will influence the tone and content of the next Conservative manifesto. But, more importantly for the Right, control of the 1922 Committee is likely to have a significant bearing on the outcome of the leadership contest that would follow an election defeat.

Sir Marcus, MP for Shipley, will be 70 by 1997, the most likely time for the next election. Last week he said: "I am standing at the next election and I am standing as chairman."

Marriage is 'downgraded' by equal rights for couples

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON AND ANNE ASHWORTH

THE Government's commitment to family values was under attack last night over legislation that will give unmarried people who have lived together similar property rights to married couples.

A campaigning group said that the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill, due to become law next month, undermines marriage. It would give an unmarried woman the right to seek a court order to exclude a violent partner from the home, even in cases where she has moved out and has no financial stake in the property.

The Family Law Action Group said that by treating married and non-married couples alike, the institution of marriage was downgraded. Dr John Campion said: "This removes the final remaining rules that give marriage a special status in law."

But a spokesman for Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, said that people living together outside marriage were not being given rights they did not enjoy before. The spokesman said: "In case law, non-married people living together as man and wife have long been treated in the same way as married couples. The new act will merely remove anomalies in the present law, create a single code and strengthen the powers of the courts." He stressed that it will be for the courts to decide what is appropriate in each individual case.

Live-in lovers who call themselves common law husband and wife will find that, in practice, the law grants few if any legal and financial rights to cohabitees without children, as common law marriage ceased to exist when matrimonial law was reformed 300 years ago. If a marriage ends, the partners have a full range of potential property rights, including the right to claim maintenance for the spouse. If a live-in relationship breaks up, the partners can, in most cases, only stake a claim for financial support for children.

Drug firms try to halt price cut by Asda

Four of the world's biggest healthcare companies are threatening concerted legal action against Asda, the supermarket group, over its attempts to end price-fixing arrangements for non-prescription medicines (Patricia Tehan writes).

Procter & Gamble, SmithKline Beecham, Warner Wellcome and Reckitt & Coleman have sent identical solicitors letters to Asda, threatening an injunction if it attempts to discount any of their products.

In response, Denise Jagger, Asda's company secretary and corporate counsel, wrote to the four yesterday saying the group had "not taken steps nor demonstrated any intention whatsoever to discount your products".

Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda, has been an outspoken critic of the Resale Price Maintenance Act, which protects the price of non-prescription medicines. The Office of Fair Trading is investigating the £1.1 billion over-the-counter drugs market. Asda's discounting of books helped to end the net book agreement. The supermarket has also cut the prices of 82 branded vitamins, minerals and supplements.

Mother freed

A woman who allegedly confessed to suffocating her three babies was freed by a judge after the prosecution dropped murder charges because it did not know whether to believe her. The Old Bailey was told that admissions by Daphne Thorne, 40, who had been in a mental hospital since her arrest, could not be relied upon as true and she may have been seeking attention.

Science honour

The Queen has appointed Sir Aaron Klug to be a member of the Order of Merit, one of the highest orders in her personal gift. Sir Aaron, 79, director of the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge, received the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1982. He was knighted in 1988. Other members include Baroness Thatcher and the composer Sir Michael Tippett.

Legal aid limits

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, said that he had not yet made any decision over whether to impose cash limits on criminal legal aid as part of his proposed reforms of the £1.4 billion-a-year legal aid scheme. Lord Mackay issued a statement in response to a report in *The Times* that he is to drop proposals to limit criminal, but not civil, legal aid.

BR cuts summer

British Rail is to operate its summer timetable, when traditionally more trains are run, for only 16 weeks next year compared with the present 21 weeks. The RMT rail union condemned the move but BR said it was designed to bring timetables into line with continental practice. The shorter season will run from June 2 to September 21.

City sale 'mad'

A plan by Liverpool City Council to raise funds by selling town hall furniture was criticised yesterday. Two mahogany wine coolers from a special suite will be auctioned for up to £70,000 at Sotheby's next month. The decision was described as "a mad aberration" by Richard Foster, director of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.

Poppy drive

Car poppies are returning after a 13-year absence. The Royal British Legion is relaunching them to coincide with its annual poppy appeal. Made of red plastic and 6in in diameter, 500,000 car poppies will be available to the public from October 30 at petrol stations, Safeway and Woolworth stores. Remembrance Sunday is on November 12.

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Announcement ends months of rumour in golfing circles as second marriage ends after ten years

Nick Faldo offers his wife £7.5m in divorce payment

By Dominic Kennedy

NICK FALDO, one of Britain's leading golfers, announced yesterday that he was separating from his wife, Gill. The end of their ten-year marriage was confirmed hours after a report that Faldo, one of the biggest earners in sport, had offered a £7.5 million divorce settlement to the mother of his three children, aged between two and nine.

Only a team of servants was at home yesterday at the country mansion in Windlesham, Surrey, which the Faldos built as their dream home. Valued at up to £3 million, it is now destined to become part of a financial deal which will allow the sportsman to walk away from his second failed marriage. A statement issued at 3pm yesterday by IMG, Faldo's managers, on behalf of the couple, ended months of rumour in golfing circles.

It read: "It is with regret that Gill and Nick Faldo announce that they have separated after nearly ten years of marriage. Gill and Nick request privacy for themselves, their family and friends. There will be no further statement."

Mrs Faldo, 37, became the ultimate golfing widow this season when her husband joined the American tour to improve his chances of winning a major title. While he produced erratic performances across the Atlantic, his wife watched him at home on satellite television.



Faldo with Melanie, whom he left for Gill

Close friends took comfort when Mrs Faldo flew to the United States with the Ryder Cup team to join her husband in Rochester, New York, last month. They danced together at the gala dinner. When Faldo, 38, putted his winning ball on the last green against Curtis Strange, after being one down with two holes to play, his wife ran to give him an ecstatic, and very public, hug but was upstaged by a sloppy embrace from his team mate Severiano Ballesteros. Faldo's name was then linked with Brenna Cepelak, 20, an American student on a golfing scholarship at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The second Mrs Faldo has a keen business sense which has helped to build her husband's fortune. She is a director of Nick Faldo International and any attempts to extricate her from some of the companies which use the Nick Faldo name will be a challenge for the couple's legal advisers.

The success of their business partnership can be measured by Faldo's earnings last year, estimated at about £4 million. Only £700,000 of that was prize money. As well as their home in Surrey, the Faldos have a chalet in Switzerland worth an estimated £375,000. They also own a house in Florida where Faldo has been living while on the American tour.

The Faldos became a golden couple of sport. They received invitations to the White House to meet George Bush and to Downing Street where Denis Thatcher was a fan. But friends said Faldo became moody when he fell from the top of the world rankings in the early 1990s. He is now fourth.

Peter Alliss expressed his sadness yesterday at the news that his friend's marriage was finished. "I'm very sorry to hear that," the 64-year-old, twice-married golfer and broadcaster said. "There is pressure on everybody's life and everybody's marriage these days." Faldo's first marriage, to Melanie Rockall, a sports journalist, ended in 1984. She received a telephone call from her husband in Hawaii saying that he had fallen in love with Gill, who was then secretary to his manager, John Simpson.

Melanie, who has since remarried, cited the pressure of touring with one of the world's top golfers as a cause of the marriage breakdown. Faldo was more blunt. He told *Sports Illustrated* magazine: "We were very happily married for eight months. Unfortunately we were married for four and a half years."

Faldo is competing in the $3 million US Tour Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this week. He became English amateur champion when he was 18 and two years later became the youngest player to take part in the Ryder Cup. He has won three Opens and two US Masters.



Faldo with Gill last month. She helped to build her husband's fortune

Time and travel take toll on sporting unions

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

NICK FALDO is the most recent and most famous professional golfer to suffer a broken marriage, but he is not the only one. Two of his recent Ryder Cup team mates are undergoing divorces and rumours are rife that the marriages of at least two other professionals are unsteady.

Part of the reason is undoubtedly the strains of competing at the highest level in a sport that places particular demands on its participants because of the length of time each tournament takes — five days, excluding travelling time — and the distance of some venues.

Few sports exert such pressure on both the individual and his family. Golf has become truly a world game that lasts for 11 months as players circle the globe in search of tournaments, prize money and lucrative sponsorship deals.

Faldo's decision to move part-time to the United States at the start of the year was an attempt to revive a career that was flagging after his golden years between 1987 and 1992 when he won five of the world's leading championships: three Opens and the US Masters twice. It meant he had to buy a home in the United States.

He and Gill discussed moving their son and two daughters to America but decided against it on the grounds that Natalia, 9, and Matthew, 6, were established in schools in England.

Other golfers whose marriages have crumbled include Fred Couples and Sam Torrance. The exuberance of Couples's wife, Debbie, always troubled him and, allegedly, the last straw was when she was seen dancing on a table during the 1992 Open.

For several years Couples's form plummeted but it has shown signs of recovering recently and he has announced his engagement to Tawnya Dodd. Torrance is currently in the best form of his life and heading the European Order of Merit, with winnings this year of £630,000.

Golf's big three in the 1960s and 1970s were Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player. All rose to eminence with the support of their wives who, as often as possible, accompanied them around the world.

A few years ago Nicklaus reminisced about a career that included 18 major titles, a record that makes him one of the greatest golfers of the century. "It may be that my greatest achievement was in marrying Barbara and letting her bring up the family," he said.



The Ship in the Hole pub, centre of an armed siege

Armed police fail to move drinkers

By Paul Wilkinson

DRINKERS in a northeast pub went on an eight-hour binge after finding themselves at the centre of an armed siege. Police surrounded the building and brought in marksmen after being told that an armed robber and two suspects were inside the Ship in the Hole at Wallsend, Tyne & Wear.

But their appeals for customers to come out were ignored as the pub-goers drank themselves into a stupor. They eventually emerged in the early hours yesterday when they were too drunk to care — or to answer questions.

The siege began on Sunday afternoon after detectives were tipped off that the three men were in the pub close to the Swan Hunter shipyard. Up to 40 officers, some wearing flak jackets, ringed the pub where at least 30 people had spent the afternoon drinking and watching exotic dancers.

As an officer approached the pub he was met with a torrent of abuse and refused entry. Superintendent Bob Pattison, who led the operation, said: "We tried to get the people to come out but they were all happy to stay and keep on drinking .... I think we are probably looking at the driest pub in Wallsend."

Fifteen people gave themselves up shortly afterwards, but as officers moved in a police dog and its handler were kicked. The officer suffered a broken finger and four people were arrested.

Negotiations with those still inside were opened over a mobile phone but as the night wore on they became less and less coherent. Every so often the pub door would open and a figure would appear, hands in the air as if in surrender, but as officers moved out of the shadows he would rush back inside amid a roar of laughter from the bar.

Police eventually made 17 arrests. One person was charged with being drunk and disorderly and two were cautioned. The rest were released.

Battle line drawn in clash of the tartan

By Alan Hamilton

CLAYMORES were drawn in the glens of Scotland yesterday, in the cause of selling tartan to tourists.

The Scottish Tartans Authority was launched at simultaneous press conferences at a trade fair in Aviemore, and at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia, United States, where the plaid is popular despite the heat. The promoters' first task was to accuse the Scottish Tartan Society, the long-established keeper of all wisdom on who can wear what, of not doing enough.

Behind the new authority are weavers, distributors and retailers who enjoy substantial exports, especially in North America. The authority has no authority in any legal sense, but is the latest shop window for hundreds of jobs and millions in profits for Scottish textile mills.

Two years ago the Scottish Tartan Society, established as a registered charity for more than 30 years, was forced to close its tartan museum at Comrie, Perthshire, because of a lack of funds. The new authority plans its own tartan centre next year.

Keith Lumsden, of the Scottish Tartan Society, agreed yesterday that some members had expressed concern about its finances to the charities department at the Scottish Office. He said: "If the commercial powers-that-be want to set up a major tartan centre, that can only be for the good."

Global warming tempts native butterflies north

By Nick Nuttall

NEARLY 20 years of hot summers and mild winters have led to a boom in common British butterflies, with some now found up to 100 miles north of their traditional homes.

With this month likely to become the warmest October since 1659, a government-funded report on butterflies offers further evidence for global warming.

The report, based on weekly surveys carried out since 1976, shows that species such as the small skipper, gatekeeper and peacock are on the increase. The gatekeeper had expanded into Scotland from a line stretching from North Wales to the Wash, Dr Jeremy Thomas of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, said.

The survey, funded by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Natural Environment Research Council, also confirms that rare species are continuing to decline because they need more specialised habitats than common ones.



The small skipper: now on the increase

Ernie Pollard, a retired scientist with the institute who set up the national survey, said yesterday that the benefits of rising temperatures were being overwhelmed by changes in land use. Around half of Britain's 60 butterfly species are rare.

Dr Pollard cited the decline in coppiced woodlands and the loss of rich grasslands as key reasons for the loss of rare butterfly populations such the pearl bordered and the high brown fritillary.

However, the fortunes of at least one rare British butterfly may have been turned around by the weather. Dr Martin Warren, of Butterfly Conservation, said yesterday that the white admiral was now as far north as Lincolnshire and "was regaining its 19th-century range".

The impact of the weather on butterfly populations comes as experts have become almost blasé about the recent influx of monarch butterflies from America and Camberwell beauties from the Continent. Dr Warren said: "People are simply not recording them any more because they have been so numerous, but it really has been quite a phenomenon, particularly in October."

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Court hears tapes of West sobbing for lost daughter

By Bill Frost and Richard Duce

THE cry of Rosemary West rang through a courtroom yesterday as jurors heard her reaction to her husband's confession that he had killed their missing 16-year-old daughter Heather. In a taped interview, Mrs West said: "What?"

She then asked: "So you know where she is? So she's dead, is that right?" She added that her husband, Frederick, would be a "dead man" if she ever laid hands on him.

It was the first time that the jury at Winchester Crown Court had heard Mrs West's voice. The tapes were made in late February last year. At the house in 25 Cromwell Street, Detective Sergeant Terence Onions asked about Heather's disappearance in 1987.

Mrs West said she had given Heather £600 when she left home, and claimed her daughter was a lesbian who was unhappy at school. She said Heather had phoned her father several times but had not wanted to speak to her. Mr Onions said: "Tomorrow there will be a lot of officers out there, digging the back garden and that patio."

He asked whether she had heard a rumour among the children that Heather had been buried under the patio. Mrs West said: "I ain't got nothing to worry about."

The jury heard Mrs West break down and sob later,



West: court heard her voice for the first time

when told in a formal interview at the police station that Heather was dead. Mr Onions said: "There has been a major development this morning. Fred has confessed to murdering Heather." Mrs West gasped: "What . . ." After a pause she asked: "So she's dead, is that right?"

"That automatically implicates you," said DS Onions. Mrs West replied: "It's a lie."

When she was asked about her feelings towards her husband, having been told of his confession, she said: "Put it this way, he's a dead man if I ever get my hands on him."

Mrs West sobbed quietly when first told her daughter had been killed, and while being asked if she could throw light on the years since Heather vanished. "I don't know anything about it, I was not aware of it" she told detectives.

"I had a fairly large family at the time. I worked with them and when I wasn't with them, I was out with these other men that he [Frederick West] used to push me on to."

Her husband was the dominant partner in the relationship. "I suppose what he says goes. He's the man, he's gone out to work, he's earned the money, he's always done hard work . . . that sort of thing."

She said that her husband had "looked upset" when informing her that Heather had left home. "I said, 'Where's she gone?' and he said, 'Oh don't worry about her, she's fine.' I said, 'Oh, I wanted to know.' He said, 'She's told me she don't want you to know.'"

Heather's body was recovered from beneath the patio. Mr West was then twice brought to the house to help pinpoint other graves.

☐ Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, said that among 99 videos found at the Wests' home in 1992 was a commercial film showing a naked girl being led to a cellar where she was suspended from the ceiling, whipped and indecently assaulted. The jury has heard that four holes were discovered in a cellar beam at 25 Cromwell Street.

Mrs West denies ten counts of murder of young women and girls. The trial continues today.

Hundreds of young people discuss their plans for the environment

World's children help girl's dream to fruition

By Kathryn Knight

ADRIAN BROOKS



Two delegates from Iran making their presence felt at the environment conference in Eastbourne yesterday

A DREAM came true for a 13-year-old girl yesterday when 900 children from 85 countries gathered in Eastbourne for the first international children's conference on the environment.

Debbie Simmons, who has spent the past three years lobbying United Nations officials and MPs, described the result of her efforts as "fantastic". Miss Simmons, joint chairwoman of the conference, will fly to New York on Thursday to present an environment charter to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General.

The idea for the conference came to her during a "brain storming" session with other young wildlife enthusiasts when she was working on a junior committee for a zoo in East Sussex. After persuading UN officials and local and international wildlife groups to help, she and adult helpers spent months wading through piles of environment projects submitted by enthusiastic young people from around the world. The 900 delegates were chosen from thousands who applied.

The teenager from Eastbourne, who lists singing and dancing among her other interests, said: "When I saw the coaches arrive carrying all the children in their national costumes I thought, 'Am I dreaming, or is this real?' It's amazing that they've come from all over the world to be here."

She said she was realistic about the aims of the conference. "Children can't do everything on their own, but they can let adults know what they want to be done. Governments have the power, but if they listen to what the children want, they can take action."

It was a message Jonathan Porritt, chairman of the UN environment and development programme and a guest speaker, echoed: "We need to put pressure on politicians to do more. They will only take action if you put the squeeze on them to do something."

The first day's debate centred around waste and recycling. Some of the children looked bemused by noticeboards detailing the delights of "volatile organic compounds", "building a sun collector unit" and "sacred earth drama". But all were passionately concerned about the environment and talked about waste disposal with enthusiasm.

Dominique Godino, 12, from Andibolo in the Philippines, said: "It's a big problem for every nation together with endangered wildlife and the ozone layer. I think world leaders should take the environment more seriously. I hope to get everyone in the UN to work harder."

Professor David Bellamy, who spent the morning fielding questions about the plastics industry, recycling bottles and incinerating waste, said he was impressed by the children's enthusiasm. "Some of the kids have confided that the lectures are a bit boring," he said. "I tell them they should try a real UN debate."

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Shand Kydd paralysed after riding accident

By Emma Wilkins

WILLIAM SHAND KYDD, the brother-in-law of the Earl of Lucan who fractured his spine in a riding accident on Sunday, is paralysed from the neck down, his doctors said last night.

Mr Shand Kydd, 58, a relation of the Princess of Wales, is being comforted in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, by his wife, Christina, sister of the Countess of Lucan, and the couple's three children.

Doctors want to transfer Mr Shand Kydd to Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, for specialist treatment, but his condition is too serious for him to travel. Instead, Dr Peter Frankel, a consultant in spinal injuries at Stoke Mandeville, visited him last night to assess his injuries.

Stephen Copeland, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, said Mr Shand Kydd was



Shand Kydd: his next 48 hours are critical

breathing with the help of a ventilator but his condition was giving cause for concern. "At the moment, Mr Shand Kydd's condition is not stable. He has a fracture of the upper spine, no feeling below the neck and no movement in his limbs. It's impossible to say whether he will be able to walk again. The next 48 hours are the most critical."

Mr Shand Kydd, who lives in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was jumping at a competition in Sulgrave, Northamptonshire, when his horse fell and rolled on him.

John Blake, a St John Ambulance Brigade volunteer, was one of the first on the scene. "There was a small crowd around him, including his wife. She was crying hysterically.

"He was face down on the ground. He was not moving and he was dark blue. He wasn't breathing for himself so we had to pump air into his lungs. Slowly, his colour started to come back."

Mr Shand Kydd was the last person to be contacted by the Lord Lucan before his disappearance in 1974 after the murder of the family nanny. His half-brother, Peter, was once married to the Princess of Wales's mother.

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Soldiers suspected of breaking goat's legs

By John Young

AN INQUIRY began yesterday into the latest misfortune to befall the cherished mascot of the Royal Regiment of Wales — its goat.

Shenkin suffered two suspected broken legs after allegedly being kidnapped and having beer poured down its throat. The suspected culprits are from the Queen's Dragoon Guards.

Shenkin was recently promoted from private to corporal and has been introduced to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

One Royal Regiment of Wales soldier said: "It looks as if they wanted to get one over on us by pinching our goat but the joke has turned sour." An army spokesman said a vet was called to treat Shenkin and said: "He should be back on duty soon."

This is by no means the first example of goat abuse. Forty-two years ago one of Shenkin's predecessors was kidnapped on St Patrick's day and painted green.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Salomon Brothers International Ltd was reprimanded by the Securities and Futures Authority over accounting errors but was not ordered to pay a fine, as reported on October 20.

☐ Ken Follett did not attend Baroness Thatcher's seventieth birthday party, as reported in some editions last Tuesday.

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Almost half of £40 million payout will go to small organisations with income of less than £20,000

Local charities gain at expense of big names

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE National Lottery Charities Board awarded more than £40 million to 627 charities yesterday as part of a strategy favouring grassroots and community schemes over national charities.

Nearly half of the first grants announced will go to tiny charities with an annual income of less than £20,000. About a quarter of the lottery cheques are for less than £20,000, with a further 25 per cent worth under £50,000. David Sieff, the board's chairman, said his primary aim was to give grants "that help those of greatest disadvantage in society and which improve the quality of life in the community".

He added: "We said from the start that we wanted to help small local groups who often don't get a share of the big fund-raising money."

The average grant announced was £64,000, but the awards ranged from £800 towards new toys for the Phoenix Toy Library in Swindon to £666,177 for Strathclyde Poverty Alliance to provide information and training for support workers in one of the most deprived areas of Scotland.

The larger charities benefiting yesterday include the Citizens Advice Bureaux, the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, Cancer Research Campaign, Mencap, Scope, Age Concern, Arthritis Care, the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the Samaritans, the Scouts, the Guides and the Sea Cadets. Together they received £3.8 million.

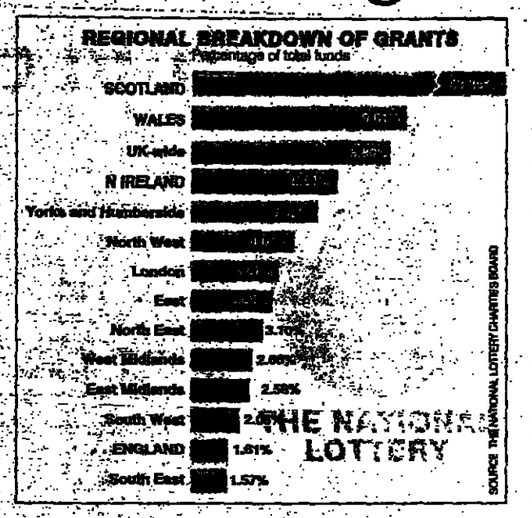
Sarah Ryder, who runs the Phoenix Toy Library, said she hoped to use the money to buy "equal-opportunity" toys for the 60 families registered with her charity, which is staffed by volunteers. "So many toys reinforce stereotypes because they have pictures showing mummy doing the washing up and daddy washing the car. We want to buy more toys that show more of a variety, including ethnic minorities and disabled people," she said.

Other projects winning funding include victim support groups, voluntary care schemes, swimming clubs for people with disabilities and help for people at risk of domestic violence.

Andrew Esser of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, which received £188,482 towards an advice centre for visually impaired people wanting to set up their own business, sounded a note of caution about the grants, however. "Donations to the RNIB have declined by about £500,000 since the launch of the lottery. We have just received a lottery grant of £188,482, so our income is still down. We are worried now that people will see that we have got a lottery grant and will think that we don't need their money," he said.

Yesterday's announcement was the first of three in the next seven weeks, which will see total awards of £162 million. "That may seem a large amount, but it is equivalent to only 1 per cent of the income of the voluntary sector," Mr Sieff said. "Charities will always depend on the enormous generosity of the public."

Scotland received 223 grants worth £17.6 million; Wales 67 grants, £3.8 million; and Northern Ireland 74 grants, £2.6 million. Some 215 grants were awarded to charities in England totalling £12.5 million. They broke down by region: North West 41 grants for £1.8 million; North East, 16 grants, £1.2 million; Yorkshire and Humberside, 23 grants, £2.2 million; West Midlands, 14 grants, £1 million; East Midlands, 16 grants, £1 million; Eastern 28 grants, £1.4 million; South West, 26 grants, £825,000; South East, 16 grants, £630,000; Greater London, 31 grants, £1.5 million.



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ANDRE CAMARA

Prayers answered: Dr Nguyen-Xuan says that the Vietnamese had been affected by decades of war

Vietnamese group defends £170,000 for mentally ill

By Edward Gorman

THE co-ordinator of a London-based charity helping Vietnamese refugees with mental health problems defended its award of £174,150 from the National Lottery yesterday.

Dr Nguyen-Xuan said the Vietnamese Mental Health Project fulfilled a vital role because research proved that serious psychological illness was much higher in the 17,000-strong Vietnamese community in London than the national average. This, he said, reflected the experience of three decades of war. "We expected our application to succeed because we fulfilled the criteria in the National Lottery booklet," Dr Nguyen-Xuan said.

The charity, which is run from a private house in Brixton, is one of a series involved with ethnic minorities which benefited yesterday. Two others work with Somali and Eritrean refugees. Dr Nguyen-Xuan, 61, a GP who trained in America and Canada and escaped Vietnam on a boat to Malaysia in 1980, said the money would be used over the next three years to expand the project, including providing the salary for a new director.

He deals with various forms of depression and anxiety, post-traumatic stress and schizophrenia. "Most of our people between the ages of 20 and 50 went through the war," he said. "There are a lot of psychosis problems to do with the war and the problems of coming here."

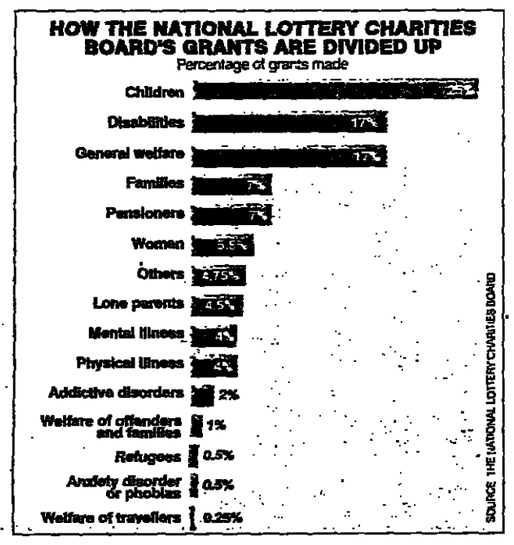
The charity was launched in 1989 after a two-year research project into the mental health of the Vietnamese community. Since then Dr Nguyen-Xuan has managed on a budget of about £130,000 a year, made up of health authority grants and cash from charitable trusts in the City and the BBC's Children in Need appeal. This has enabled him to employ four community mental health workers and two workers at a support hostel, one of whom is part time. The charity will extend its work at hospitals, helping psychiatrists and GPs in their assessment of cases. There will also be home visits and counselling for patients and families.

Another charity awarded money yesterday was the Eritrean Advice and Information Centre, also in south London. Timothy Hornsby, chief executive of the National Lottery Charities Board, rejecting an outburst of criticism in the press over this choice, described the centre as "a jolly good scheme". The centre, which received £90,000, aims to help young Eritreans between the ages of 14 and 25 "avoid poverty and isolation" by offering them advice about health, housing, education and training.

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The lottery grant will help the centre to employ an advice worker over the next three years. At the moment it is run by one woman. The office, above a tailor's workshop and next to a launderette on Stockwell Road, was deserted yesterday. An Eritrean student Mekonnen Tekeste, aged 22, who was waiting outside, said the Centre had helped him with advice on applying to charities for college travelling expenses. When told of the lottery money he said: "It is very good news. It will help a lot of people."

Mr Hornsby said much of the criticism of awards to charities helping ethnic minorities came from people who had not bothered to look at the work the organisations were doing. "Less than 1 per cent has gone to refugees and they need it. Less than 3 per cent has gone to drugs and addiction and they need it. Six per cent has gone to ethnic minority groups and they need it," he said.



Checks devised to catch fraudsters

STRICT checks have been imposed on charities and voluntary groups bidding for lottery grants amid fears of fraudulent applications (Alexandra Frean writes).

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has conceded privately that the sheer volume of applications means sooner or later officials are "bound to give some money to the wrong person".

Timothy Hornsby, chief executive of the National Lottery Charities Board, said yesterday that charities receiving money would be required to submit receipts for expenditure incurred on lottery-funded projects and to send photographs of work in progress. They will also be liable to spot checks from the board's assessors.

"No system can be 100 per cent foolproof, but we are satisfied that we have the proper monitoring controls," he said. Applicants have to fill in a 13-page form and give full details of their finances. After their charitable status has been checked, the applications are sent to assessors in the bidder's region.

A spokeswoman for the Board said: "Each application is assessed on its merits. If the applicant wanted to refurbish a building or had applied for a very large sum, they incur a visit from an assessor. If it is more simple, they will probably be interviewed over the phone." John de la Cour, joint interim South West region manager, said: "Applicants are subject to rigorous probing. It can take two hours for a very simple application, but much longer for more complex bids."

Assessments are referred to the three-member regional committees for England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and one for the whole of the United Kingdom. The England committee is advised by nine regional panels. None of the recipients of yesterday's grants will receive a penny until they have accepted the board's conditions about the quality and progress of their projects. Most money is paid in advance instalments.

There are 179,000 registered charities which might apply for a grant. To register as a charity, it must meet one of four criteria: it must relieve the poor, handicapped or aged; advance education or religion; or benefit the community.

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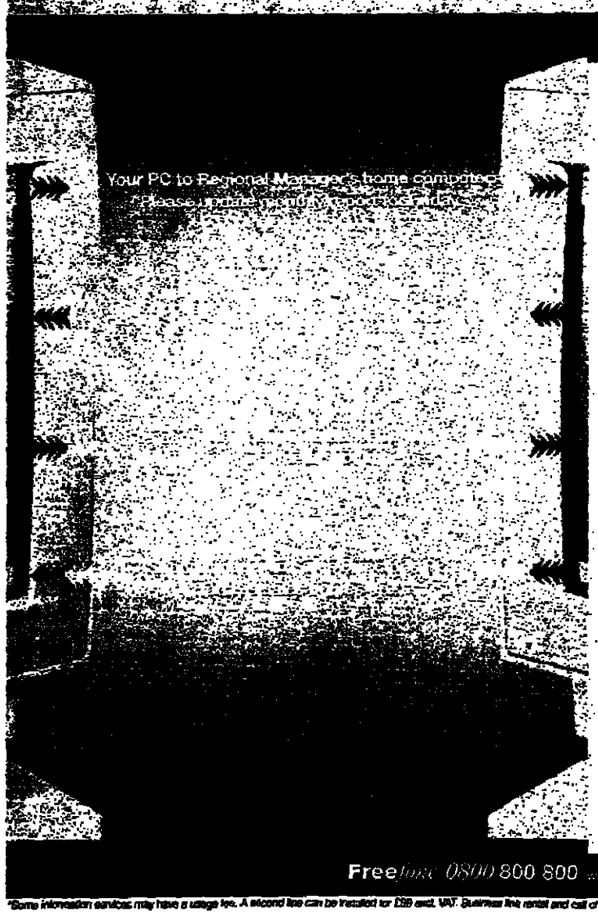
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Campbell in the Bluebird cockpit at Coniston Water with Mr Whoppit and, right, Gina Campbell, who is selling her father's racing mascot

Donald Campbell's high-speed bear goes on sale

GINA CAMPBELL, daughter of the water speed ace Donald Campbell, bade farewell yesterday to the teddy bear that survived the crash which claimed her father's life nearly 29 years ago.

Mr Whoppit, Campbell's racing mascot and inseparable companion, was plucked from Coniston Water after floating to the surface a few minutes after Campbell's 328mph crash in *Bluebird* on January 4, 1967. After his death his daughter adopted Mr Whoppit and continued the family tradition, started by her grandfather Sir Malcolm, by achieving the women's world water speed record in 1984. Now Ms Campbell, 47, has decided to sell her beloved teddy, together with a collection of family trophies, documents, letters, books, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia.

The archive, which includes her father's passport and telegrams of condolence sent to the family, is expected to fetch up to £60,000 at Christie's in London on December 11. But the star of the collection is undoubtedly Mr Whoppit, made by the English firm Merrythought in 1956 and given to Campbell by his friend Peter Barker the following year.

Ms Campbell said yesterday: "It's sad to see him go. He and my father were inseparable. He was always the last thing to go on board in Dad's record attempts and the first thing off afterwards. Later I became paranoid about him — refusing to race if he wasn't alongside me. The time is right to take the harsh decision to sell him. He used to be on display at my restaurant in Lymington but then I ran into insurance problems. Since then he has been in a bank vault, which seems so unfair."

Leyla Maniera, Christie's teddy bear specialist, said: "Mr Whoppit was more than a mascot, he was Donald Campbell's little companion. He is also quite rare. Merrythought only made these bears for one year."

Link 'hard to explain as chance'

Fourth farmer may have contracted CJD from cattle

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Health Department is investigating a possible fourth case of a cattle farmer believed to be suffering from the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease. If confirmed, the case is likely to add to anxiety that the cattle disease could be transmitted to humans, although experts cautioned yesterday against jumping to that conclusion.

In the past three years, three cattle farmers in Britain have died of Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease (CJD). The new case being investigated is understood to involve a farmer from North Wales whose herd suffered from bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), the cattle disease caused by a similar agent to CJD. Cases can be definitively confirmed only after death, and the farmer involved is still alive.

The case came to light when a fax intended for a member of the Health Department's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee was accidentally misdirected. The message, which summarised the conclusions of a meeting held earlier this month, said that the committee had reviewed the latest possible case against the three already confirmed.

The document went on: "The committee concluded that it was difficult to explain this simply as a chance phenomenon. There is a statistical excess of cases in cattle farmers compared with the general population."

Studies by the CJD Surveillance Unit at Edinburgh's Western General Hospital show that the three confirmed cases of CJD among British farmers are not significantly different from the rates in farmers in other European countries, where there is no BSE. There were three cases of CJD among British farmers from 1992 to 1994, against four in France over the same period, two in Germany in a single year, and three in Italy in one year.

The incidence in Britain is 5.7 cases per million dairy farmers per year, against 4.8 in France, 3.8 in Germany, and 13.6 in Italy.

The CJD unit has failed to find increased rates of the disease among vets, or people who work in abattoirs. Yesterday Dr John Collinge, a CJD expert from St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, west London, said that the new case, even if it was confirmed, "would not worry me unduly".

The numbers were so small, he said, that it was very hard to assess their significance. "It is quite hard to transmit these diseases orally."

If any occupational group was found to be at greater risk, the chances were that the infective agent had been transmitted from infected meat into the bloodstream though a wound in the skin, he said. If so, farmers who had handled infected feed or the meat of their animals might run a heightened risk. "My opinion is that there is not the evidence to show that any of these cases has resulted from contaminated meat."

The surveillance unit's report shows that vicars have the highest incidence of the disease, at 11.8 cases per million per year, with professional drivers second, at 7.2 cases. But these incidence rates are based on such tiny numbers — two vicars and three drivers — that they are meaningless.

The report showed that in 1994 55 people — a record — died of CJD in the United Kingdom. This was only four higher than was recorded in 1992, and the rising figures are almost certainly a consequence of intensive surveillance. Other countries without BSE show similar rises.

The eating habits of those who died of CJD does show an apparent link with eating beef. Those who eat it monthly show a risk two or three times those who never eat it, but when numbers of cases are small, chance associations can show up where there is no true cause and effect.

Scientists fear infected tissue left in carcasses

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

VETS and neuropathologists are worried that potentially infected tissue may be left in the carcasses of cattle harbouring BSE by abattoirs.

John Pratt, president of the Association of Meat Inspectors, which includes many vets, said: "Some of our members have raised the problem that it is difficult to be certain that all bits of the membrane encasing the spinal cord and central nervous system — the meninges — have been taken out."

Under rules in place since November 1989, the brain, spinal cord, thymus, tonsils, spleen and intestine must be removed at the abattoir from all cattle intended for human consumption. These so-called specified offals are thought to be the only organs capable of carrying BSE. Kevin Taylor, the Government's deputy chief veterinary officer, said: "There is no legal requirement to remove the meninges. It is a connective tissue [illegible] evidence of infection [illegible] found."

[illegible] neuropathologists [illegible] absurd to say that the membrane could not transmit BSE. "We know that hospital patients have been infected with CJD after receiving implants of dura mater, the outer membrane, taken unwittingly from the corpses of people who died from the disease."

Abattoirs are supposed to remove all specified offals and stain them so that the material can be kept separate and eventually incinerated. Last August the Ministry of Agriculture tightened the enforcement of the rules after admitting that some of the offals might still be finding their way into animal feed.

According to the ministry, there have been 9,602 new cases of BSE in cattle this year, a 45 per cent reduction on 1994. The number of new cases reported each week is between 200 and 250, compared with around 800 at the peak of the epidemic.

About 154,000 cattle have died from BSE since it was first diagnosed in 1986. The ministry believes it passed to cattle in feed containing meat and bonemeal that included the remains of sheep infected with scrapie.

Government scientists have stuck to this theory even though more than 20,000 cattle born after such feed was banned in July 1988 have gone down with BSE.

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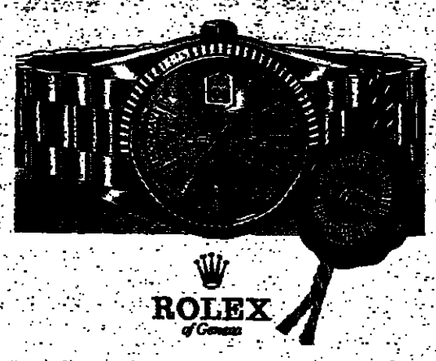
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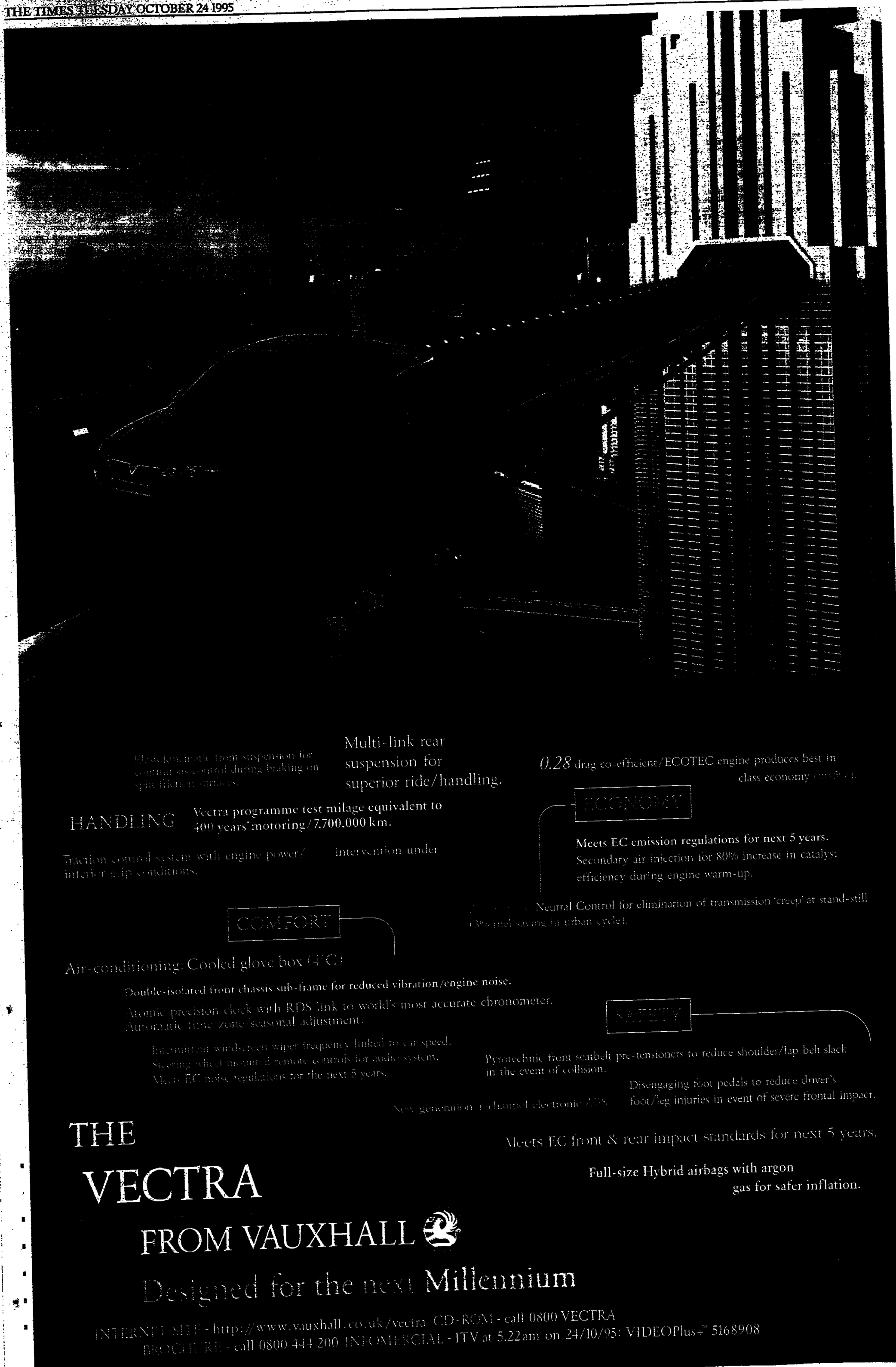
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Scientists identify the red hair gene

BY NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENTISTS at Newcastle University have identified the gene linked to red hair and fair skin, explaining why people who possess them are at greater risk of skin cancer.

Professor Tony Thody and colleagues from Newcastle's Department of Dermatology have shown that people with red hair and fair skin are far more likely to carry a particular gene which makes it difficult for them to tan. This means that they have less protection against skin cancer caused by the sun than others. More than 80 per cent of redheads studied by the team possess this gene, while only 20 per cent of those with brown or black hair do.

Professor Thody said yesterday: "This will allow us to identify and warn people who are at greater risk of cancer."

Laboratory-grown ear could revolutionise transplant surgery

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS in the United States have grown a living ear from human cartilage cells in a procedure that could transform transplant surgery. The ear has been transplanted on to the back of a mouse, to show that it can survive.

The team, led by Dr Charles Vacanti of the University of Massachusetts, made the ear from a patient's cells. It was grown around a support of polymer mesh, which gave the ear its correct shape before dissolving away.

The laboratory-grown ear could be used to replace those lost in accidents, or to help children who are born with only one ear. In future, the same techniques could be used to create many organs, including human livers.

Because the organ is made from the patient's cells, there will be no rejection problems — an advantage over conventional transplants.

Dr Vacanti says on a BBC Television *Tomorrow's World* special, to be broadcast tonight, that he chose to work on cartilage because it is a very simple structure. "In retrospect this was a wise move because we have been able to progress much further with cartilage in a short period of time than we ever anticipated."

The technique starts by taking a small sample from the patient and growing it in an incubator. The ear takes shape within a mould by growing around the polymer mesh, made of the same sort of material as surgeons use for stitches that do not need to be removed because they are absorbed.

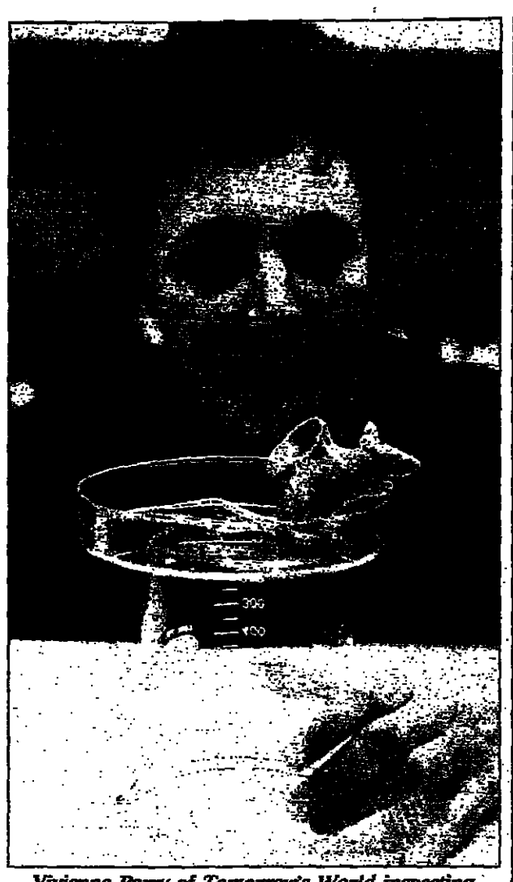
The polymer was developed by Professor Bob Langer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and provides a surface area to which the cells attach themselves. The ear is ready in about four weeks.

In Boston, Jay Vacanti, Charles's brother and a transplant surgeon, has used similar methods to create heart valves and is working on human livers in the hope of saving children who suffer liver failure. He has made progress, growing pieces of liver in laboratory rats which have produced some of the functions of the organ.

"Tissue engineering, if ultimately successful, will not only totally eliminate the need for donor organs, but also the stress associated with being on a donor list and waiting for a specific organ, wondering if you will receive the organ before you die," Dr Charles Vacanti tells *Tomorrow's World*.

In Britain, tissue engineering has been pioneered by Smith & Nephew, the medical company. Dr Jay Vacanti is working in co-operation with Advanced Tissue Sciences, a company from California with which Smith & Nephew has an agreement.

One of the first uses for human cartilage is expected to be in the repair of knees damaged in sports injuries.



Vivienne Parry of *Tomorrow's World* inspecting the ear grafted on to a mouse by American scientists

Courts martial threatened by human rights challenge

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S court-martial system could be under threat from the European Commission of Human Rights, over the case of a Falklands war veteran jailed for two years and dismissed from the Army.

A ruling is expected before Christmas on whether the punishment of former Lance Sergeant Alec Findlay, of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, should be referred to the European Court of Human Rights.

Mr Findlay was court-martialled after threatening to kill himself and colleagues at a barracks in Northern Ireland. His lawyers claimed he was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder after his experience in the Falkland Islands. If his case goes to the court, other cases also face scrutiny. They include the court martial of former Commander Richard Lane, who served on *HMS Coventry* in the Falklands war and was later dismissed over a false claim for removal expenses. He also claimed to be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The court-martial system is due to be examined next year as part of a five-yearly review of the Armed Forces Act. However, the cases in the pipeline before the Commission could force a more drastic review.

Four cases are to be highlighted on Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme tomorrow night, including that of Mr Findlay, 33, who left the Army in 1991. Yesterday he said that his plea of mitigation had been ignored. "What I did was wrong, I know that, but the court should have taken into account the terrible experience I had in the Falklands."

During the 1982 war, a friend was shot in the throat while next to him. Mr Findlay saved his life by using his bayonet to perform an emergency tracheotomy in the dark. He was later wounded himself. Mr Findlay, who is now divorced, said he suffered nightmares which continued while he was on tour in Northern Ireland.

On the programme John Mackenzie, Mr Findlay's solicitor, says: "Military psychiatrists diagnosed him as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. But nothing that was said during the court martial made a whit of difference to what happened to him. It was a kangaroo court. It was just a formality."

Former Commander Richard Lane was on *HMS Coventry* when it was hit by three 1,000lb bombs dropped by an Argentine fighter aircraft. Nineteen men burned to death and he suffered serious burns.

When he was appointed to a military job in the United States after the war, he turned to alcohol to repress the vivid flashbacks to the war and the memory of the screams of burning crewmen. At a court martial he was found guilty of fiddling £2,000 in removal expenses. He received a suspended prison sentence.

Now 47, he lives in the Isle of Wight. He is unemployed but draws a commander's pension. He said: "I feel bitter. Court martials are an antiquated system."

The Armed Forces rejects allegations that the system is unfair. A survey by the Army's legal services department found that a soldier appearing before a court martial had as good a chance of an acquittal as a civilian in a Crown Court.

Disciplinary courts martial are handled by a panel of three officers, but criminal cases are heard by five officers, with a full colonel or brigadier acting as president. A civilian Judge Advocate is present to give legal advice, and defendants have civilian barristers. Courts martial were instituted 600 years ago, although the present system dates from 1955.



Falklands veterans dismissed: ex-Lance Sergeant Findlay, left, and former Commander Lane

BA pilot in spectacular string feat

AN AMERICAN woman who left her spectacles on a flight to London was reunited with them on a plane bound for Italy, thanks to a British Airways pilot and a piece of string.

Susan Schwartz, who forgot the glasses on a BA flight to Heathrow from Philadelphia, realised her error after switching to the flight to Milan. When she alerted BA to the loss, her glasses were found on the first plane and rushed to Bob Hughes, the airline's arrival customer service agent at the airport.

By then Ms Schwartz's plane was taxiing to the runway, so Mr Hughes ran across the tarmac to the where the aircraft was waiting in a queue before take-off.

Captain Brian Swift opened the cockpit window, leaned out and lowered a piece of string to Mr Hughes, who tied the glasses to it. The pilot pulled them up and delivered them to a grateful passenger.

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Detectives in Naomi case put locals on look-out for anyone trying to elude screening

Murder village on alert as 800 men face DNA check

By Tim Jones

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of the schoolgirl Naomi Smith will begin DNA tests today on more than 800 males aged 15 to 28 in the village where she was murdered.

No one can be forced to take the test, but anyone who persistently refuses to volunteer is likely to become a focus for police inquiries. Detectives are targeting young men on the advice of a forensic psychologist who has drawn up an offender profile.

The former mining community is also being asked to watch for cases of young men suddenly vanishing from their usual haunts. Naomi, 15, was stabbed and sexually assaulted before being dumped under a slide in a recreation ground 200 yards from her home at Ansley Common, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on September 14. Her body was discovered by her father, Brian, and Emma Jones, her best friend.

Detective Superintendent Tony Bayliss said yesterday that the Forensic Science Service had been able to obtain a DNA profile of her murderer. He said: "In effect, this means we have a genetic blueprint of someone involved in this murder. It is a question of when, and not if, we catch the offender."

Today a team of 20 officers will be asking every young man who lives in the area, or who was visiting at the time, to volunteer for the mass testing. Mr Bayliss said that anyone refusing to volunteer without very good reason would be visited by a supervisor, who would explain the importance of the investigation. "If they still refuse, which is their legal right, we may then take a special interest in them and investigate them more thoroughly."



Naomi Smith: her killer had local knowledge

Public knowledge of the tests might prompt some unusual behaviour by people who had something to hide, he said. "They may change their patterns or stay away from their usual haunts. In particular, we would like to know of anybody who suddenly leaves the area."

Mr Bayliss insisted that the inquiry was not losing momentum. It had taken until now to eliminate all other DNA evidence at the scene of the crime, before isolating the genetic print of the person or persons involved.

If the tests lead to an arrest, the DNA evidence could not be used in a court, but blood samples could form a large part of the case. Officers hope to conduct 150 tests a week.

The profile of the attacker, compiled by the forensic psychologist and by Derbyshire Constabulary, points to a young man who may have known Naomi. It is likely that he lives in Ansley Common or the Nuneaton area, or at least has a good local knowledge. The psychologist believes that he may also have been in trouble with the police before.

Mr Bayliss said: "The profile is a major factor in determining our main line of inquiry, although we are not totally excluding other matters which come to our notice."

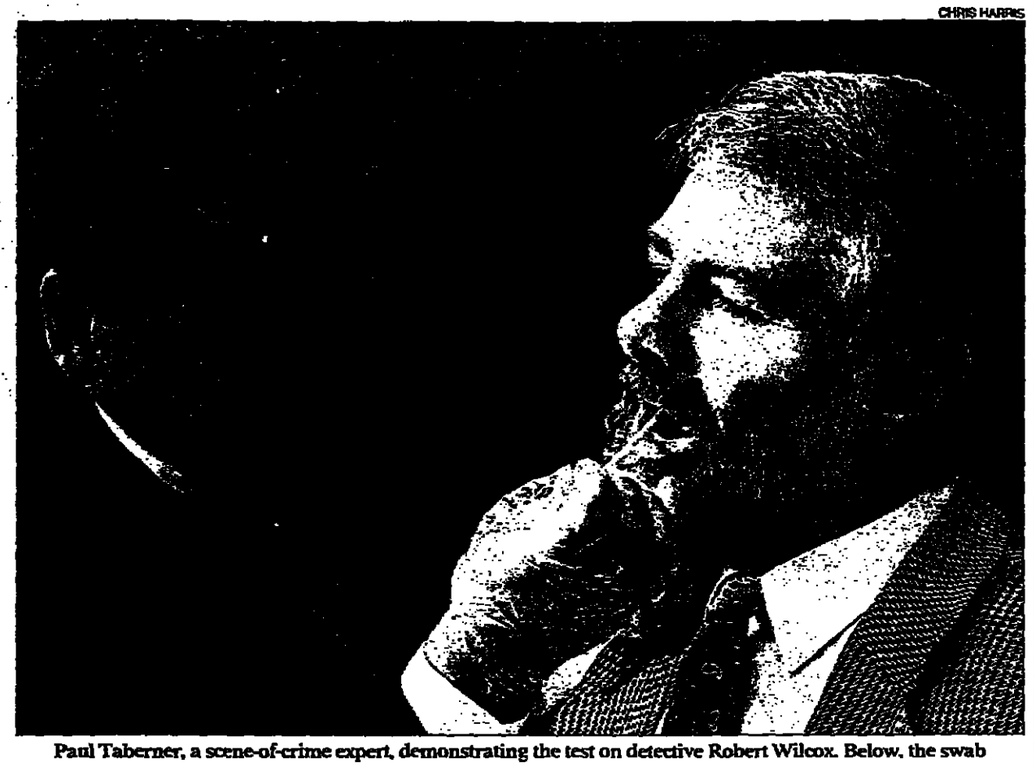
Most of the evidence concerning people who were in the area on the night of the murder has been fed into the Warwickshire police computer system. Other profile evidence is held by the Derbyshire Constabulary database, called Catchem.

The 40 police officers on the case have interviewed more than 1,800 people and obtained witness statements from a further 441. David Freeman, Naomi's half-brother, said yesterday: "I am sure everyone in the village will be willing to take part. We all want my sister's murderer caught and put away."

As part of the inquiry, Warwickshire police officers travelled to Cardiff, where detectives have been using the mouth-swab DNA system in their hunt for the killer of Clare Hood, 15, who was murdered last January.

South Wales Constabulary used DNA when in 1990 they introduced a "mass blooding", taking samples from more than 3,000 men after the murder of Geraldine Palk, who was also 15. Since then, they have received permission to subject any male charged with a recordable offence to the cheaper buccal swab technique.

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Paul Taberner, a scene-of-crime expert, demonstrating the test on detective Robert Wilcox. Below, the swab



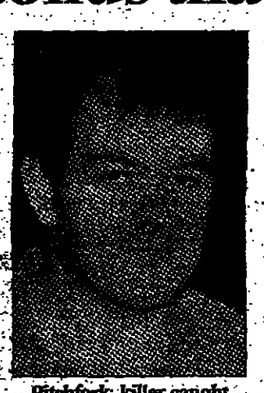
Ten seconds that can trap the guilty and clear the innocent

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

POLICE forces in England and Wales are making increasing use of a mouth swab to link people with crimes. The buccal swab, which takes ten seconds and involves a painless scrape of the inside of the cheek using a cotton bud, is an attempt to obtain a DNA match with a sample taken at the scene of the crime.

The cells gathered in the scrape will enable staff at the Forensic Science Service laboratories in Birmingham to obtain a DNA profile of Naomi Smith's murderer, should he be among those tested. The laboratory will compare the voluntary samples with the one taken from the scene of the crime.

Buccal swabs cost £40 to take and analyse, compared with £204 for a DNA test based on a blood sample. If all the estimated 800 men are tested it will cost Warwickshire police £32,000, though the force hopes to negotiate a lower price because of the size of the operation.



Pitchfork killer caught after avoiding DNA test

The force must meet the cost of the tests out of the £120,000 it has allocated for the murder inquiry. Out of its overall budget of £47.7 million for 1995-96, it set aside £350,000 for operational contingencies and has already allocated £250,000.

Testing all the 800 men will take five and a half weeks. Each sample should be analysed within four to six weeks.

DNA — deoxyribonucleic acid — is a chemical molecule found in chromosomes in the body's cells. The DNA molecule carries the genes that determine what individuals are like, including eye colour and intelligence.

A method of obtaining a profile, which can be compared to a print-out of a person's DNA make-up, was discovered by Professor Alec Jeffreys, a geneticist at Leicester University, in 1984. He showed how DNA can be broken down into a pattern of bands, similar to bar codes on supermarket products. A sample of saliva, a hair root, blood or semen can be used to obtain a profile.

The 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act gives police the power to take DNA samples from anyone arrested in connection with a recordable offence (crimes that carry a prison sentence). They cannot force a person to take the test. Any sample taken from a volunteer that does not match the one taken from the scene of the crime is kept until the end of court proceedings and then destroyed.

If a person is found not guilty, the sample is destroyed, but it is stored if someone is found guilty. A sample taken voluntarily in relation to a particular crime can be used only in relation to that incident.

The world's first mass screening of potential suspects using DNA techniques took place in Leicestershire as police attempted to solve the murders of Lynda Mann and Dawn Ashworth, both 15. In 1987 5,000 males, aged 13-30, from three villages volunteered for a blood test. The tests proved that a man who had confessed to the killing could not have done it.

Only two males refused to take the test. One had a genuine reason and the other was Colin Pitchfork, 27, who was sentenced to life in 1988 for the murder of the two girls. He persuaded a friend to take the test for him but the man told his workmates what he had done and Pitchfork was arrested.

South Wales police are currently carrying out a mass blood test for DNA purposes to try to catch the killer of Claire Hood, who was found dead earlier this year. They have tested 1,250 people so far but have not charged anyone.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scouts are told how to avoid sex abuse

The Scout Association is to issue guidelines to its members on dealing with sex abusers. Cards giving advice on how to avoid "physical, sexual and emotional harm" will be handed out to Cubs and Scouts, who number more than half a million, in the spring.

Last year similar cards were issued to Scout leaders, including advice such as avoiding physical contact sports with children and arranging separate accommodation on camps and trips.

Stables remand

Stephen John Webber, 38, a farm worker, was remanded in custody by magistrates at Torquay, Devon, charged with the murder of Jessie Hurlstone, 27, a stable girl found battered to death in her caravan at Buckfastleigh.

Milk recalled

Thousands of pints of St Ivel semi-skimmed milk have been recalled after a batch was contaminated with cleaning fluid. Unigate said the cartons or bottles with use-by dates of October 25 and 26 should not be drunk.

Boys killed

Chris Lewis and Darren Hughes, both 11, were killed when they were in collision with a motorcycle as they pushed their bicycles across a busy main road in Leeds. The motorcyclist and his passenger suffered serious injuries.

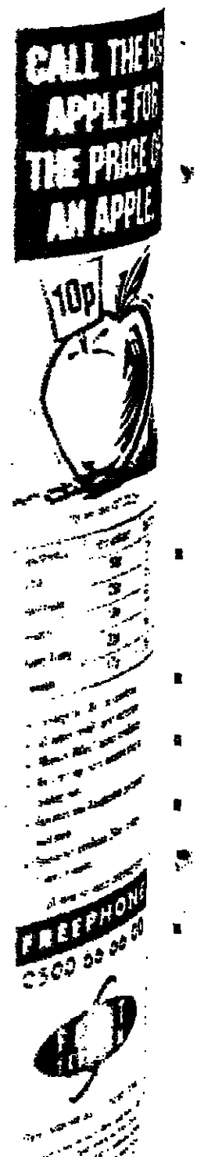
Murder charges

Simon Smith, 26, of Stone, Staffordshire, has appeared at Stafford Crown Court charged with murdering his three children, Lauren, three months, in 1994, Jamie, six months, in 1993, and Eleisha, ten months, in 1989.

Children fly out

Nearly 200 seriously ill children were flown to Florida on holiday yesterday. They were on British Airways' charity Dreamflight to Orlando, where they will spend a week staying near Disney's Magic Kingdom.





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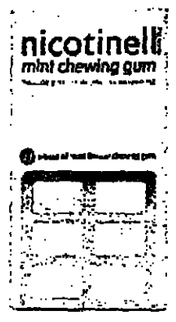


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Eight women join Blair's top team

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



Among the women promoted by Tony Blair are four new whips, from left: Janet Anderson, Bridget Prentice, Ann Coffey and Jane Kennedy

TONY BLAIR promoted 18 MPs from the 1992 intake, including eight women, in an overhaul of his frontbench team last night.

Mr Blair, seeking to redress the balance of last week's Shadow Cabinet election, also signalled his intention to press ahead with radical reforms of the welfare state by appointing two key modernisers to his social security team, both with experience in the field.

Malcolm Wicks and John Denham, both from the 1992 intake, were promoted straight from the back benches to join Chris Smith, another moderniser, who heads the department. Leadership sources said that the move showed Mr Blair "was serious about welfare reforms".

Ten MPs lost their jobs because of the Labour Leader's determination to inject "young blood" into his top team, which now includes a record 19 women. Mr Blair was frustrated in his attempt to promote talented MPs to his Shadow Cabinet "old Labour" MPs polled surprisingly high votes. But yesterday he promoted five MPs into frontbench posts straight from the back benches, and a further six to the Whips' Office.

The five high-flyers promoted straight to the front bench are Alan Milburn, who goes to Health, Helen Liddell (Scotland), John Denham and Malcolm Wicks (Social Security) and Mike O'Brien (Treasury).

Mr Blair has decided to repeat last year's exercise of giving new people a spell in the Whips' Office on their way to departmental jobs. Peter Hain, the leftwinger who has criticised parts of Mr Blair's modernising crusade, becomes a whip along with five "new Labour" MPs, including four women: Bridget Prentice, Jane Kennedy, Ann Coffey and Janet Anderson.

Mr Blair has put newcomers into the top three posts at the Whips' Office, which used to be separately elected. Ray Powell, the pairing whip, loses his job to George Mudie. Don Dixon, the deputy chief whip, will hand over to Nick Brown in a few months. Mr Dixon is to retire at the general election.

Last night leadership sources emphasised that the changes showed that the new parliamentary team contained "a lot of young people who will have the chance to prove themselves in advance of Government, should we get there".

Those who have lost frontbench jobs are Martyn Jones, Martin O' Neill, Joan Walley, Donald Anderson, Robin Corbett, Maria Fyfe, David Hinchcliffe. The reshuffle includes several promotions for women. Estelle Morris and Barbara Roche move from the Whips' Office to Education and Trade and Industry respectively.

Tessa Jowell is promoted from a junior health post to spokesman for women's issues. Hilary Armstrong moves from the Treasury to become Frank Dobson's deputy at Environment. Geoff Hoon takes over responsiblity for the information superhighway at Trade and Industry, and Stephen Byers moves to Education. Both come from the Whips' Office.

■ Tony Blair, the Labour Party leader, completed a reshuffle of the Opposition front bench yesterday. This is the full list, with members of the Shadow Cabinet in bold

Labour Leader	**Tony Blair**
Deputy Leader Duchy of Lancaster	**John Prescott** Derek Foster *Richard Caborn* Peter Mandelson
Foreign Affairs	***Robin Cook*** Joyce Quin Tony Lloyd Derek Fatchett
Health	**Harriet Harman** Henry McLeish Kevin Barron Alan Milburn
Treasury	**Gordon Brown** Alistair Darling Dawn Primarolo Mike O'Brien Andrew Smith
Shadow Chief Secretary	
Social Security	**Chris Smith** Keith Bradley John Denham *Malcolm Wicks*
Education and Employment	**David Blunkett** *Bryan Davies* Peter Kilfoyle Stephen Byers Estelle Morris Michael Meacher Ian McCartney
Employment	
Environment and London	**Frank Dobson** Hilary Armstrong *Nick Raynsford* Keith Vaz
Environmental Protection	Joan Ruddock
Scotland	**George Robertson** John McFall John McAllion Helen Liddell
Northern Ireland	**Marjorie Mowlam** Tony Worthington Jim Dowd Eric Illsley
National Heritage	Jack Cunningham Mark Fisher Tom Pendry Lewis Moonie
Defence	**David Clark** John Reid Paul Murphy *John Spellar*
Transport	**Clare Short** Brian Wilson Graham Allen
Trade and Industry	**Margaret Beckett** Adam Ingram Stuart Bell Nigel Griffiths John Battle Kim Howells Geoff Hoon Barbara Roche
Wales	Ron Davies Win Griffiths *Rhodri Morgan*
Home Affairs	**Jack Straw** *Alun Michael* Doug Henderson George Howarth
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Agriculture	**Gavin Strang** Elliot Morley Llin Golding
Shadow Leader of the House	**Ann Taylor** Jeff Rooker
Disabled People's Rights	**Tom Clarke** Gordon McMaster
Women's issues	*Tessa Jowell*
Lord Chancellor's Department	**Paul Boateng**
Law Officer	John Morris, QC
Chief Whip	*Donald Dewar*
Deputy Chief Whip	Don Dixon (to be replaced by Nick Brown)
Pairing Whip	*George Mudie*
Other whips	Dennis Turner *John Cummings* Joe Benton Jon Owen Jones Eric Clarke Bob Ainsworth *Eric Martlew* Janet Anderson David Clelland *Ann Coffey* Peter Hain Jane Kennedy Greg Pope *Bridget Prentice*
Chairman of PLP	**Doug Hoyle**
Shadow Leader of the Lords	**Lord Richard**
Chief Whip (Lords)	**Lord Graham of Edmonton**
Peers' representative on Shadow Cabinet	**Lord Dormand of Easington**

Splinter party will be waste of time and money

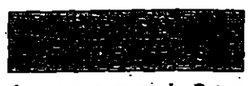
Sir James Goldsmith should save his millions, and Sir Alan Walters his air fare from Washington. The proposed Referendum Party is an anti-democratic and unnecessary initiative. It is anti-democratic because political parties should not be created at the whim of very rich men to pursue single objectives and is unnecessary because a referendum will almost certainly be held if Britain enters a single European currency. The main beneficiaries of setting up such a party would, as Norman Lamont argued yesterday, be pro-Europeans in the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties to whom Sir James and Sir Alan are most opposed.

The history of rich men's parties is largely of frustrated egos and wasted money. They have lacked political roots, and have usually fizzled out after some short-lived victories and headlines. The attempt in 1930-31 by Beaverbrook and Rothermere to launch an Empire Free Trade Crusade, and a brief United Empire Party, failed, though not without causing plenty of headaches to Baldwin and the Conservative leadership. Baldwin's tactics in defusing the Beaverbrook threat were similar to those used by John Major in response to the Tories' continuing divisions over Europe since the 1992 election.

The main impact of breakaway parties has been to undermine the party from which they split. It is hard to see the Referendum Party being any different. The whole idea of setting up a party with a single aim, holding a referendum on Europe, before it dissolves itself is entirely alien to British politics and reflects a complete misunderstanding of our parliamentary system.

The view of Professor Ivor Crewe, a leading psephologist, that the Referendum Party would be lucky to get 1 per cent of the overall vote is borne out by the results of splinter parties in past general elections. The success of anti-Maastricht candidates (see yesterday's European election results) is misleading: more significantly, 2% of candidates of Alan Sked's UK Independence Party gained an average of 3.3 per cent of the vote where they stood, and other anti-Brussels candidates did slightly better, according to David Butler and Martin Westlake's *British Politics and European Elections 1994*. That reflected a strong anti-Maastricht mood among some voters. But, at a general election, voters are deciding which party they want to govern the country rather than about a single issue. A referendum on Europe certainly enjoys strong support in the polls, as do most suggestions for a referendum, but that does not mean it is high on most people's priorities. It is not. Few voters will be swayed by this issue alone.

The precise impact of candidates standing just on a referendum platform will depend on the size of the majorities in



the seat concerned. But a Referendum Party looks likely to be little more than a well-publicised nuisance, albeit one that is worrying the Tory leadership and could make a difference in a very few highly marginal constituencies.

The proposed party is also probably a waste of time. The leaders of both main parties have been deliberately opaque about a referendum because of internal divisions, yet both have recognised the strength of the case for consulting the public on such an important matter. If such a respecter of constitutional proprieties as Douglas Hurd has come round to backing a referendum, it is, in practice, inconceivable that a Tory Cabinet would go ahead with a single currency without a referendum, whatever Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine argue now. Similarly, many Labour leaders believe that such a decision would not be approved by the Commons without a referendum. Of course, many supporters of a Referendum Party do not just want to hold a referendum. Their main aim is to change Britain's relations with the European Union. That is where the real argument lies, not about whether to hold a referendum.

PETER RIDDELL

Euro-sceptics decry Goldsmith's challenge

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN REDWOOD and Norman Lamont warned the Euro-sceptic financier Sir James Goldsmith yesterday against challenging the Tory party at the general election.

Sir James is prepared to invest up to £20 million for his new Euro-sceptic Referendum Party and has enlisted Sir Alan Walters, Baroness Thatcher's former economics adviser, to stand as a candidate.

Tory Euro-sceptics rounded on Sir James, with one calling him "a naive and self-interested billionaire who doesn't even live in Britain".

Mr Redwood, who stood on an anti-Brussels ticket in the party leadership contest this summer, had supper with Sir Alan last night to try to stop him from challenging Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in his Rushcliffe constituency. He told Sir Alan that the new party's manifesto, to bring about a referendum on Britain's role with the European Union, was deeply flawed.

Mr Redwood will refuse to publish Sir Alan's chapter on Europe in a forthcoming joint publication if his former colleague insists on standing. He warned him that the Goldsmith party could get only about 1 per cent of the vote and that future governments could manipulate the result to insist that voters were not interested in a referendum.

Although Mr Lamont is a vocal critic of government policy on Europe, he is furious with Sir Alan. The former Chancellor said yesterday: "I think it is a thoroughly regretable idea. Sir James and the likes of Sir Alan Walters ought to concentrate on defeating the Labour Party at the next election. The main threat of further integration in Europe comes from the Labour Party."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY In the Commons: questions to Transport Ministers, the Public Accounts Commission, the Commons Commission and the Commons Leader were followed by debates on the PAC reports and the European Union's Common Fisheries Policy control system. In the Lords: debates on Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill and Atomic Energy Authority Bill, report stage.

Today in the Commons: questions to Defence Ministers and the Prime Minister. Debates on "environmental concerns in Scotland" and the "plight of pensioners in Wales". In the Lords: Disability Discrimination Bill, Medical (Professional Performance Bill), report stage, Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulations.

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Saudi mosque bomb tears veil from kingdom in crisis

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

THE explosion which ripped through a crowded Saudi Arabian mosque during prayers last Friday, killing eight and wounding 100, has raised urgent questions about security inside the secretive kingdom which is the world's largest oil exporter.

Although authorities insist the bomb was detonated as part of a land dispute in remote village 310 miles from the capital, Riyadh, diplomats saw it as a reminder of the economic, social and religious difficulties besetting a country which has just marked its 63rd anniversary. Despite the introduction in 1993 of a 60-member consultative assembly and the reform a year previously of the rules of succession to King Fahd, 73, internal discontent — especially among Islamic fundamentalists — has been growing, whipped up by seditious audio-cassettes.

One of these attempts to undermine the House of Saud and its close links with the United States, depicting America as a "nation of beasts who fornicate and eat rotten food", where joggers "run "practically naked like animals" and women look at men "without shame and without a veil". Others are more specific in their accusations of official Saudi corruption and fiscal mismanagement.

Dissent has been fuelled by the economic misfortunes which followed the 1991 Gulf War. After decades of plenty, state spending has been cut by more than 20 per cent in the past two years. Saudis have to pay more for electricity, water and domestic air fares, and their privilege of unlimited free local phone calls has been scrapped.

The crisis has been caused by Gulf War debts of £35 billion and low oil prices. Yesterday the *Middle East Economic Survey* disclosed that Saudi Aramco had delayed expansion projects at two key oilfields because of lower oil prices and forecasts of reduced demand.

Commenting on the economic health of a nation, the excesses of whose 6,000 royal princes have become legend in the Gulf and beyond, Richard Pipes, editor of the American *Middle East Quarterly*, wrote: "As a country, Saudi Arabia is very rich. The state, however, is dirt poor. Every riyal is spoken for."

The social and economic woes have been accompanied by an alarming increase in crime. Last year there was a 78 per cent jump in thefts and a 34 per cent rise in sex crimes over 1992.

These figures have been exceeded by the increase in the number of public beheadings; the execution last week of five more found guilty of drug-smuggling brought to 192 the number of public executions carried out so far this year, compared with 53 in the whole of 1994.

Although drug traffickers, murderers and sex offenders have been the main victims, observers are convinced a message is also being sent to political opponents. With further political reform on hold, more instability is expected.

Algerian poll race defies militants

BY MARK HUBAND
NORTH AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

ALGERIA'S presidential election candidates yesterday defied threats from Islamic militants and began campaigning in the knowledge that the outcome of the contest next month will determine the country's future.

Four candidates qualified to stand after collecting 75,000 signatures. Yesterday one failed candidate, Redha Malek, claimed that he had secured the necessary support but was deemed ineligible because his hardline views would have divided the pro-army vote between himself and President Zeroual, a former general.

Mr Zeroual's attempt to use a meeting with President Chirac at the United Nations in New York effectively to launch his campaign failed when the talks were cancelled by French officials after Mr Zeroual announced that he wanted the meeting to be held in front of television cameras.



Zeroual: talks cancelled

The three other Algerian presidential candidates are Sheikh Mahfoud Nahnah, Said Sadi and Noureddin Boukrouh.

They reflect the breadth of issues at stake. Islam, national identity and the character and role of the state are the issues which three years of civil war and 40,000 dead have thrust into the political debate. The violence continues with the death toll from the car bomb blast in Relizane, 120 miles west of Algiers, on Sunday rising to ten yesterday with 82 people injured.



Bernelee Daniell, the South African entrant, taking part in rehearsals in Dubai yesterday for the 1995 Miss World Pageant, set for South Africa next month

OJ seeks out his black allies

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

FLANKED by his lawyers, O.J. Simpson has made a surprise appearance in one of the few corners of America where he is still idolised — the overwhelmingly black district of South-Central Los Angeles.

A subdued Mr Simpson arrived unannounced for Sunday brunch at the Boulevard Café, a landmark restaurant famous for surviving the worst of the city's 1992 riots. He sat beneath portraits of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, ordered pork chops and mashed potato, and later signed autographs.

Mr Simpson's warm welcome in what is popularly known as "the 'hood" was doubly striking since the millionaire celebrity shunned the area before his trial.

The café's owner said the visit sent a "good signal" that Mr Simpson hopes to re-establish his ties with the black community that has been his sole supporter since his acquittal of the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Mr Simpson arrived at the café with his daughter, Arnelle, and his two black lawyers, Johnnie Cochran and Carl Douglas. The visit apparently was arranged by Mr Cochran, who orchestrated a similar rapprochement between Michael Jackson and the Los Angeles black community after the singer's child-molestation scandal last year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scheme to avert aid disasters

LEADING aid agencies are planning an early-warning system to prevent humanitarian disasters such as the refugee crisis in Goma in the aftermath of the Rwandan civil war. In a report out today, they also propose a code of conduct for aid agencies (Oliver August writes).

Last summer one million Hutus sought refuge in the Zairean border town of Goma. Thousands of refugees died.

The planned early-warning system will be based on networks of local informants reporting directly to aid agencies. A new code of conduct would include guidelines on how agencies should deal with emergencies like Goma, where the lack of co-operation exacerbated the situation.

Ivory Coast vote

Abidjan: In its second multi-party election, boycotted by most opposition parties, the Ivory Coast returned President Henri Konan Bedie with an overwhelming majority in a turnout estimated at more than 50 per cent. *(Reuter)*

Suu Kyi blow

Rangoon: *Burma's military Government ruled that Aung San Suu Kyi's reappointment as a leader of her National League for Democracy was illegal. Daw Suu Kyi was freed from six years of house arrest in July. (AP)*

Saddam reward

Baghdad: Iraqis will receive increased food rations from December as a reward for voting President Saddam Hussein to victory in last week's referendum. The President has also promised elections early next year. *(Reuter)*

Arms eclipsed

Siem Reap, Cambodia: Soldiers and police have been disarmed to prevent spent bullets from celebratory gunfire for today's total eclipse of the Sun from falling on tourists at Angkor Wat. *(AFP)*

Emily Brontë teaches nurses to cry

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE real tear-jerker is on the last page when a weeping little boy declares that he has seen the ghosts of Heathcliff and Cathy walking on the moor. There is such a lot of dying in *Wuthering Heights*, one of the great three-hankie reads of literature, that Emily Brontë's classic is being recommended as a textbook for nurses learning how to deal with grief.

Not, of course, in Yorkshire, where upper lips are as stiff as a starched pinny and the knifing winds on Howarth Moor dry the first emerging hint of a tear. This is in Australia, where the dramas of *Neighbours* and *Prisoner — Cell Block H* are insufficient role models for the real world of bereavement and emotional pain.

First-year nursing students at Griffith University in northern Queensland are being asked to sob their way through the tragic life of Cathy Earnshaw and other fictional heroines in the hope that they will learn something of compassion.

Wendy Moyle, co-ordinator of the nursing degree course at Griffith, said that her university was the first to use literature, poetry and music to enhance students' appreciation of the sense of loss and mental suffering associated with bereavement. The intention was to shift the emphasis of nursing education from high-technology medical equipment back to the patient.

Any trainee nurse who can cope with an adopted son who is treated like an animal, has a relationship with his adoptive sister who dies in childbirth, disappears for three years and returns to attempt the destruction of his former family, finally becoming a deranged recluse detached from all human reality, and all this on a bleak moor above Bradford, deserves not so much a nursing diploma as a medal.



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Blow to franc as Chirac joins flats scandal list

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French franc fell sharply once again yesterday after a newspaper reported that President Chirac could face prosecution for allegedly using his influence while Mayor of Paris to continue renting a large flat on the Left Bank at less than half the market rate.

The latest housing "affair" coincides with polls indicating that President Chirac's popularity is at a new low point.

The Paris prosecutor has been asked to rule whether the President should face a legal investigation and possible prosecution, the left-wing *Libération* newspaper said yesterday. The prospect of a second damaging housing scandal emerged two weeks after Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, narrowly avoided prosecution for renting himself a flat at a reduced rent while Deputy Mayor.

An official complaint was lodged last Saturday with Bruno Cotte, the Paris prosecutor, calling for an investigation into whether M Chirac could be prosecuted in connection with his rental of a flat on the fashionable Rue du Bac, a charge the President has denied.

In 1977 the Chiracs began renting the luxurious ground-floor flat for Fr11,000 a month. In 1989 the owners of the property said they were going to sell and the Chiracs faced having to move. However, a company that is partly owned by the city of Paris intervened and the flat was bought for Fr12 million. M Chirac, then Mayor of Paris, remained in residence and his rent was increased by a mere Fr1,200 a month. The flat was bought by a subsidiary of the SGIM company, which manages some of the city's council housing and is 39 per cent owned by the city.

A plea has been lodged with the Paris prosecutor on behalf of Evelyn Ferreira, a Paris taxpayer, demanding an investigation into whether President Chirac illegally interfered with the purchase of the flat, which enabled the Mayor to continue living there at a fraction of the market rate.

"Was Jacques Chirac guilty of an illegal conflict of interest ... did he have authority over the SGIM and thus its subsidiaries?", *Libération* asked yesterday.

This is the second time in as many weeks that M Cotte has been faced with a politically sensitive legal decision. He has already ruled that the Prime Minister was guilty of a conflict of interest for renting a city-owned flat at a reduced rate while Deputy Mayor, but he chose not to prosecute.

Jobs optimism challenged

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN LUXEMBOURG

EUROPEAN ministers yesterday poured cold water on a Brussels forecast that the drive for a single currency could halve unemployment.

Most finance ministers doubted the wisdom of raising hopes of solving unemployment in the period of austerity required to match the criteria for membership of monetary union in 1999. Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was a danger of setting up Europe for a fall.

The new French Finance Minister, Jean Arthuis, said he was concerned that "too much optimism can begin to sound like incantation". M Arthuis added the French public was beginning to understand the price it would pay for joining monetary union. Euro-enthusiasts argue that the deficit-cutting drive to qualify for monetary union will generate jobs, but a Commission forecast of 11 million new jobs, reducing unemployment to 5 per cent by 2000, was attacked because it supposes growth averaging 3.5 per cent for the rest of the decade.

Rome crisis threatens EU leadership

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE lira tumbled yesterday as Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister, grappled with a political crisis that threatens to cripple the forthcoming Italian chairmanship of the European Union.

Tomorrow the Chamber of Deputies will debate a motion of no confidence in Signor Dini's Government. The motion was presented last weekend by Silvio Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister, Forza Italia party leader and media magnate.

It is doubtful that he will be able to muster sufficient votes for the motion to be passed, but yesterday a second no-confidence proposal was being prepared by the Marxist *Rifondazione Comunista*. It is expected that Signor Berlusconi and his allies in the "post-Fascist" National Alliance Party will support that motion if their own does not succeed.

In theory, such an alliance would have sufficient numbers to topple the Government. Signor Berlusconi hopes to force a general election in January before or at about the same time as he is scheduled to go on trial on corruption charges. His advisers say the trial could win him sympathy votes.

The political crisis erupted last Thursday when the Senate passed a motion of no confidence in Filippo Mancuso, the Justice Minister over his alleged harassment of anti-corruption magistrates. Signor Mancuso was dismissed and the constitutional court will examine an appeal by him today.



A trader at Milan's beleaguered stock exchange yesterday

Serbs set to press territorial claims

FROM REUTER IN BIJELJINA

THE Bosnian Serb parliament yesterday approved a negotiating platform for peace talks next week, including demands likely to prove unacceptable for the division of Sarajevo and access to the sea.

At a session in Bijeljina, close to the Serbian border, the assembly of the self-styled Bosnian Serb Republic also called for a strip of land in the north that links Serb-held areas in the east and west to be widened, and the return of territory in the northwest captured by Muslim-Croat forces in a recent offensive.

It was unclear how much weight the demands would have, since the hardline Bosnian Serb leadership has been sidelined by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian President, who took over the negotiations on its behalf. However, a Serb official said they had been cleared with Belgrade.

On Sunday, the parliament agreed to accept international troops on its borders to police an eventual peace accord, but only from Russia "and other friendly nations". The United States, which is behind the peace initiative, is at odds with Russia over the make-up of the peacekeeping force.

The independent Belgrade-based news agency Fonet reported that the 87-member assembly yesterday approved an eight-point programme of constitutional arrangements which have already been agreed in all-party talks. But a list of territorial claims included a reiteration of traditional Serb demands which are likely to be rejected by their Muslim and Croat foes.

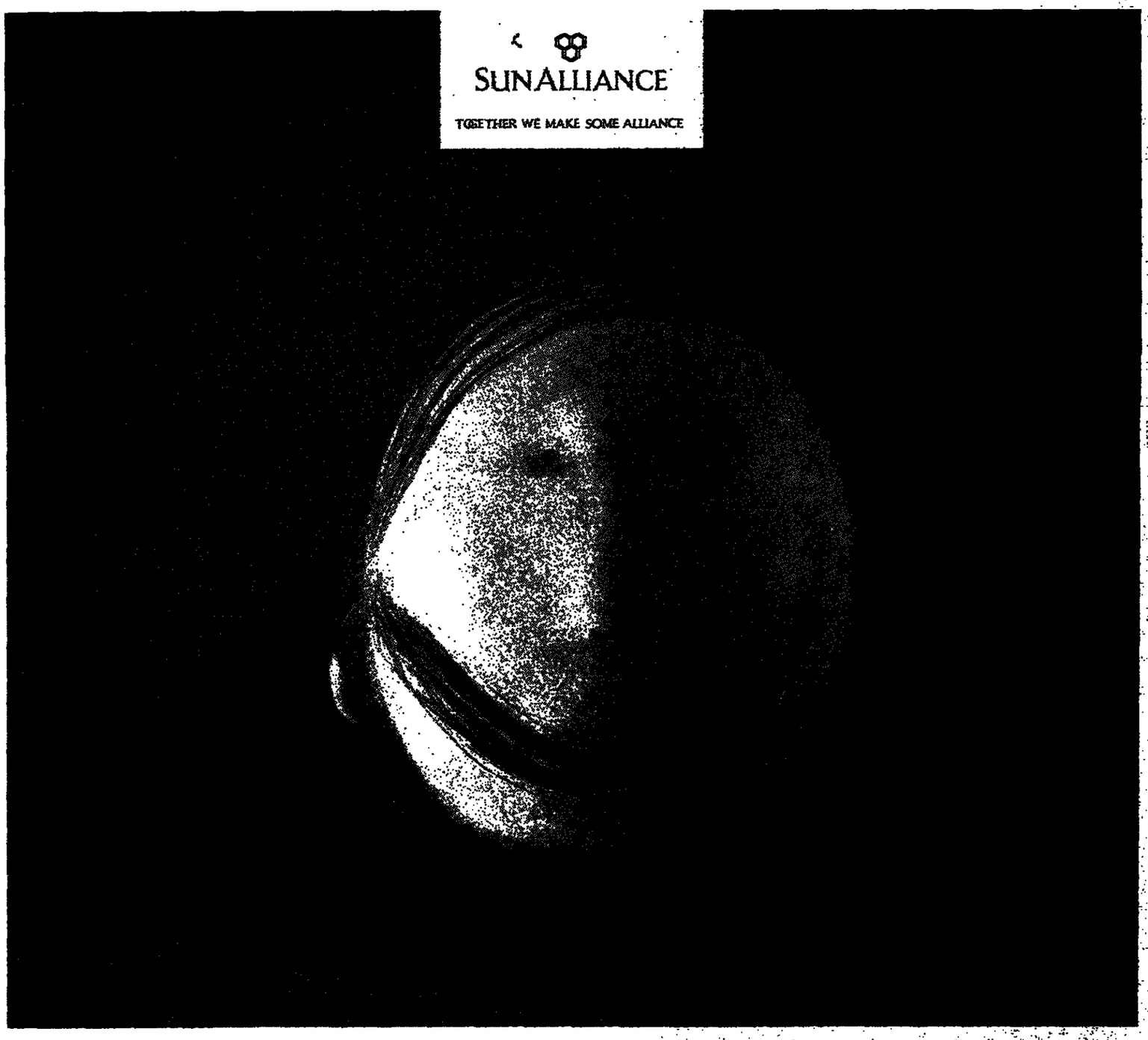
Access to the Adriatic Sea for the landlocked Bosnian Serb republic would require Croatia to cede a strip of coastline, and both the Muslim-led Bosnian Government and international peace envoys have voiced opposition to any Berlin-style division of the city of Sarajevo.

□ Prisoner exchange: A further group of prisoners held by the Bosnian Serb forces and the Bosnian Government were exchanged yesterday at Sarajevo airport (Michael Hirsh writes). The 20 detainees included foreign nationals and aid workers, some of whom had been held for more than two years.

Sarajevo: Two British soldiers, a lieutenant and a private from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, were slightly wounded when one stepped on an anti-personnel mine as they were trying to retrieve the bodies of dead Croat soldiers near Tajce, in the Tuzla area, the UN said yesterday. (Reuter)

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Howard called for secrecy over Guinness inquiries



Howard: wrote to Hurd

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

THE Department of Trade and Industry and the prosecution authorities were "in cahoots" it was alleged at the start of the second week of the Guinness appeal at the Royal Courts of Justice yesterday.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, representing Jack Lyons, drew the Court's attention to numerous documents released by the Crown, including an extract from a letter from Michael Howard, a former DTI minister, to Douglas Hurd, then Home Secretary, dated February 23, 1987. Mr Howard wrote: "These are not matters which should be aired in public. It is essential that none of us comment publicly on how the investigation is being run or what stage has been reached, unless it is agreed by all concerned that a statement is desirable. We will certainly observe this rule and I should be grateful if assurances could be sought from the police that they will also do so."

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, asked Mr Scrivener if he was alleging an "improper conspiracy". Mr Scrivener said he preferred the word "collusion". Pressed on the subject, Mr Scrivener replied: "Conspiracy is a heavy word." He argued that what Mr Howard wanted to keep secret was the fact that the Crown Prosecution Service and Serious Fraud Office lawyers were already working on the case. As Mr Scrivener put it: "They were in cahoots. That is apparent."

Mr Scrivener quoted from notes taken at a meeting on February 25, 1987 of DTI officials and representatives of the Department of Public Prosecution, including counsel. Advice from counsel was: "It was safer not to approach the inspectors at all to avoid the suggesion of collusion. The reference in a parliamentary answer to close liaison between the inspectors and the DPP must be refuted."

On March 6, Jonathan Rickford, the solicitor to the DTI, wrote that "the inspectors are now much more optimistic about breaking Saunders completely. They also feel that they have made excellent progress." Mr Rickford's memo continued: "This development confirms the wisdom of leaving the inspectors to get on with it rather than putting in the police ..."

Mr Scrivener also referred to a conference held on April 2, 1987, involving the DTI, CPS and counsel. The DTI's view was: "The police can be brought in if necessary, but there is a risk that their involvement will become known and jeopardise the inspectors' inquiry." In Mr Scrivener's words: "A very odd aspect of this investigation was that the police were called in after their work had been done."

Mr Lyons and three other appellants — Ernest Saunders, Gerald Ronson and Anthony Parnes — contend that tactics employed by the DTI and the CPS permitted the DTI inspectors, with significantly wider powers than the police, to collect uncautioned evidence.

Sidney Kentridge, QC for the SFO, quoted various press reports which, he argued, refuted earlier claims that the defendants had been "lulled into a false sense of security". The hearing continues today.

Further slowdown predicted

Growth rate at weakest for two years

By Colin Narbrough

ECONOMIC growth slowed to an annual 2.4 per cent in the third quarter, its weakest for two years, and looks set to slow further in the coming months.

The first official estimate of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the third quarter, published yesterday, is the last quarterly figure available to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, before his Budget on November 28 and is expected to reinforce the case for lower interest rates.

Although City analysts largely welcomed the 0.5 per cent rise in GDP in the third quarter, which matched the rise in the previous quarter, as "sustainable" growth, the deceleration in year-on-year growth from 2.8 per cent in the second quarter, after 3.7 per cent in the first, will be difficult for Mr Clarke to brush aside.

Although aggregate growth appears sustainable, the Chancellor, in the run-up to the next general election, could be more concerned about the continued absence of "feel-good" factor among voting consumers who are still suffering from low earnings growth and a stagnant housing market.

The GDP figures, which were broadly in line with City estimates, showed that economic output, excluding oil and gas, also rose 0.5 per cent in the third quarter to give a 2.4 per cent year-on-year gain. In the previous quarter, it expanded 0.7 per cent for a 2.8 per cent annual increase.

The fourteenth successive quarter-on-quarter increase revealed that the service sector, particularly leisure activities, continues to display good growth and indicated that industrial output managed a rise of about 0.5 per cent.

Some economists still fear that there is a risk of large-scale destocking which would prompt production cutbacks, leading to a sharper slowdown in the current quarter. Recent survey evidence points to new orders and sales weakening on both the home and export fronts.

The Treasury's summer forecast put full-year GDP growth this year at 3 per cent, slowing to 2.75 per cent next year. Some City analysts believe that the 1996 forecast is now looking over-ambitious and will be difficult to meet, while others see the current slowdown as a temporary affair which will be reversed with interest rate cuts, probably early next year.

"The data tell us that the economy is slowing, not collapsing," David Gasparro, the Schroders economist, said. The tax cuts expected in the Budget are meanwhile expected to lift the consumer's mood, and the economy, next year.

Andrew Smith, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Today's growth figures leave no room for complacency. The fact that there has been no increase in economic growth for 15 months shows just how flat the economy really is."

He said that while the Chancellor boasted of a "healthy recovery" which would run and run, not only had growth slowed, but public borrowing was higher now than at this time last year and on course to overshoot significantly the government target.

"At the same time, inflation is running at 3.9 per cent, the highest rate since June 1992," Mr Smith said.

But Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the economy had slowed to a more sustainable level. "If you've got sustainable growth, if you've got low inflation, if you've got falling unemployment, what we're actually looking at is some very good figures indeed," she said.

Sterling fell badly against the mark yesterday, but the movement was unrelated to the GDP data. The pound was unable to put up any defence against the mark, sliding in line with other European currencies.

With political uncertainty in Italy and France continuing to stoke unease, the prospect is for a week of currency turbulence which will catch the pound in its backwash.

On the Bank of England's trade-weighted index, the pound closed at 83.5 down from 85.6 on Friday. While it advanced to $1.5808 from $1.5755 at the previous close, it slumped 1.34 pfennigs to DM2.1899.

Gilts held steady but the FT-SE 100 share index of leading shares fell 40 points in reaction to the disappointing economic figures and a weak opening on Wall Street. A late rally, fuelled by a steep rise in Glaxo Wellcome shares, pared back the loss to 19.9 by the London close, leaving the index at 3,531.5

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Sitting comfortably: Sir Richard Sykes said the settlement eliminated uncertainties

Shares in Glaxo rise as lawsuit is settled

By Eric Reguly

THE stock market value of Glaxo Wellcome rose by almost £2 billion yesterday after Britain's largest pharmaceuticals company reached an out-of-court agreement with America's Genpharm over patent litigation.

Shares of Glaxo Wellcome advanced 52½p to 849p, lifting the FT-SE 100 index and adding 6.6 per cent to the company's market value. The settlement came hours before a jury trial on the matter was due to start in Baltimore.

Under the agreement, Genpharm will not launch a product containing ranitidine hydrochloride, the active ingredient in Zantac, Glaxo's blockbuster ulcer drug, before mid-1997, when the compound's basic patents expire, or a so-called Form 2 version of the compound until 2002.

Genpharm, which is part of the E Merck Generics Group, also agreed not to market the product in any other country as long as the patents are in force. As part of the settlement, Glaxo will pay Genpharm over the next three years. Glaxo would not disclose the amount, but said it "is not considered material".

Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo's chief executive, said the settlement eliminated "the uncertainties of any jury trial involving highly technical information and complex issues of patent law".

As part of the settlement, litigation between Glaxo and Genpharm in Britain and Canada is being discontinued. ☐ SmithKine Beecham said yesterday it was to invest an extra £39 million in its vaccine research and development site in Rixensart, Belgium.

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FT-SE 100	3531.5	(-19.9)
Yield	4.0%	
FT-SE A All share	1737.81	(-9.97)
Nikkei	18158.24	(-1.09)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4758.37	(-26.49)*
S&P Composite	584.78	(-2.68)*

US RATE

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Yield	6.38%*	(6.36%)

LONDON MONEY

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London:		
$	1.5795	(1.5755)
DM	2.1840	(2.2049)
FFr	7.7070	(7.7520)
SFr	1.7746	(1.7988)
Yen	157.40	(158.03)
£ Index	83.5	(83.6)

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London:		
DM	1.3850*	(1.3975)
FFr	4.8870*	(4.9140)
SFr	1.1255*	(1.1410)
Yen	99.70*	(100.33)
$ Index	92.4	(92.4)

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GOLD

London close	$382.85	($382.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Nadir in talks on PPI's assets

By Our World Trade Correspondent

COOPERS & LYBRAND, administrators of the collapsed Polly Peck International (PPI), have opened direct talks with Asil Nadir, the fugitive former head of PPI, to see if he can help them to realise assets in Turkey blocked by the courts.

Michael Jordan, Richard Stone and Christopher Morris, all partners at Coopers & Lybrand, have had injunctions taken out under the Turkish criminal code for alleged breach of trust concerning the transfer of funds between PPI companies.

They have been conducting their defence by "letters rogatory" using diplomatic channels, which allows them to avoid making appearances in court in Turkey. If they were to lose, they could face custodial sentences.

The injunctions were brought after complaints from Mr Nadir, who left Britain for his native northern Cyprus in 1993 after being charged in England with theft involving £30 million.

After repeated efforts by the administrators to gain control of the assets of PPI in northern Cyprus, and in Turkey, failed, the bulk of the northern Cyprus portfolio was earlier this year sold to Learned, a company in which Mr Nadir is a director.

Chris Barlow, the Coopers & Lybrand partner in charge of the PPI administration, has just returned from talks in Cyprus with Mr Nadir, after first proposing the meeting in August. The talks were "private and useful," he said.

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Seeboard to plug into gas

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

SEEBOARD and Amoco have formed a joint venture to challenge the dominance of British Gas in the supply of gas to families in Britain.

The south coast electricity supplier and its oil and gas producing partner aim to capture two million customers within five years, and a tenth of the £6 billion a year market.

Seeboard has ended its earlier partnership with Utilicorp to sell gas to industrial and commercial markets. Utilicorp has sold its 30 per cent stake in the three-year-old company, Southern Gas, to Seeboard for an undisclosed sum.

Mike Ambrose, managing director of Amoco Western Europe Gas, said the 50/50 venture, which has yet to be named, was determined to become the leading challenger to British Gas. "We certainly see a fall of at least 10 per cent in household gas prices over the next five years in real terms," he said. "We expect to have to discount below that price if necessary to win the customers from British Gas."

Seeboard is fortuitously well-placed to gain a foothold in Britain's domestic gas market early in the liberalisation process. Full competition to supply gas will not be allowed nationwide until April 1998.

The phased liberalisation, however, will open a market of 500,000 homes around Bristol to competition next April, and a further 1.5 million homes in southern England, of which one million are Seeboard customers, will be opened up from April 1997.

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US breaks off air talks

By George Sivell

TALKS on increasing competition on flights between Britain and America were dashed yesterday after the Department of Transport confirmed that the US had broken off the so-called open skies talks after months of debate.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, said that despite concessions offered by Britain, America had formally broken off the talks. He said: "I am puzzled and disappointed by the US decision to break off this week's air service talks. Against the background of an agreement that we should seek a very limited and balanced deal on additional access to Heathrow and or Gatwick, the UK made a number of important concessions. None were forthcoming on the US side."

The UK offered the US four new opportunities for passenger flights to London, two at Heathrow and two at Gatwick. Six further opportunities for US cargo flights to fly from the UK to the Far East were added to those already existing. Sir George added: "The present arrangements are illiberal and restrictive, and are hardly consistent with the US espousal of free trade." America is keen to get the UK to allow more US carriers to use Heathrow and in return, the UK is seeking more access to US destinations for its airlines.

British Airways said last night: "We want to see liberalisation of flights across the Atlantic on a phased and equal basis. We support the British Government's position."

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Ulster set for fastest economic growth for 30 years

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE outlook for economic growth in Northern Ireland is at its brightest for three decades, according to a survey by Coopers & Lybrand, the firm of accountants.

During the 12 months since the paramilitaries announced their ceasefire, the rate of economic growth in the Province has continued to outstrip that of mainland Britain. Both house prices and industrial productivity have risen sharply, and business confidence has surged ahead. Unemployment has fallen by 2 percentage points, twice the rate of the United Kingdom as a whole.

The findings provide evidence of a sea change in attitudes among the Northern Ireland business community which bodes well for the future. When first surveyed by Coopers a year ago, 60 per cent of the 200 business leaders questioned predicted rapid growth in sales.

A year on, only one in four have seen that optimism justified. But according to Roger Kingon, Coopers' partner in charge, businesses remain confident for the future. He says they have "recognised that the ceasefires will not deliver a short-term miracle cure and that real growth must now be a medium-term goal".

A year ago, executives believed that peace would improve their access to export markets, skilled labour and external finance, and enhance productivity and cut security costs.

The impact on labour and external finance has been minimal. But expectations about improvements in export performance have been amply fulfilled, while 45 per cent of all firms have enjoyed an improvement in productivity. Manufacturing output rose by 7 per cent in the year.

Employment rose 2 percentage points, twice the improvement in the UK. Unemployment fell to 86,500, or 11.5 per cent of the workforce. Although still well above the UK rate, it is the lowest level in Northern Ireland for four years.

Expectations of a rise in tourism also proved well-founded. The number of visitors rose by 14 per cent during the first half.

Overall expectations are now for growth in gross domestic product of about 3 per cent this year, comfortably ahead of the mainland.

In many areas, the ceasefire seems to have assisted an economic resurgence that was already underway, such as in the housing market. Some of the buyers pushing up prices are thought to be young entrepreneurs returning from England. Migration from the Province has also stalled, for the first time in decades.

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US banks 'in merger talks'

IN THE latest sign of the merger fever sweeping the banking industry, NationsBank and BankAmerica were reported to have held talks about merging to create the nation's largest bank. Both banks declined to comment on the reports.

While industry sources played down the likelihood of such a deal, the stocks of both banking companies rose after the reports.

BankAmerica, based in San Francisco, is currently the nation's second-largest bank, and NationsBank, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, ranks third. Bank mergers have taken off at a rapid pace this year, with Chemical Banking and Chase Manhattan setting a $10 billion merger that will create the country's largest bank once completed.

A merger between NationsBank and BankAmerica would create the largest bank in the country, with assets of about $400 billion. BankAmerica's San Francisco neighbour, Wells Fargo, launched a hostile $10 billion bid for First Interstate Bancorp in Los Angeles last week.

Bounty hunt by society savers hits unit trusts

By Robert Miller

INVESTORS looking for potential bonuses from building society mergers and flotations have been blamed for the £58 million fall in September's monthly retail sales of unit trusts. The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) said yesterday there is evidence that bounty-hunting investors were in part responsible for a drop in net retail business to £218 million.

Autif cited the latest building society figures that show net inflows last month of £903 million, the second highest of the year, but still some way short of July's £956 million.

Peter Williams, head of research at the Building Societies Association, said: "We have studied the inflow figures and can see no systematic evidence that an excessive amount of savers' money is chasing merger speculation, although there have been huge inflows in specific cases. Many of the accounts already have the minimum amount to qualify for a bonus in them. We think the BSA inflow figures reflect the fact there are so few alternatives available."

Net sales of the new-style corporate bond Personal Equity Plans helped boost September Pep sales to £279 million and the total amount of money under management in all 1,627 unit trusts to £107.8 billion. The number of unitholder accounts rose to 6.6 million (6.5 million in August).

Peps, in general, continue to provide managers with a handy tax-free wrapper with which to promote their unit trusts. The value of Pep-linked funds has risen from £11.1 billion a year ago to £15.8 billion at the end of September. Within the overall Pep figures the new corporate bond Peps have attracted 30,000 investors and last month accounted for 26 per cent of the total net sales.

Commenting on the latest figures Philip Warland, the director-general of Autif, said: "Peps continue to be an extremely popular way into the unit trust market. Leading the way, as last month, are the new corporate bond Peps. It takes time for the new products to take root, but the benefit of corporate bond Peps are now beginning to be understood."

There are, however, fears among some unit groups that corporate bond Peps may have been taken up by anxious investors for whom they may not be the most suitable. Institutional net sales of units fell £10 million to £435 million, 28 per cent of which represented sales in Japanese trusts and another 26 per cent in Far East funds, excluding Japan. Pension and insurance funds invested another £120 million in Japanese unit trusts, the highest since March 1994.

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Dealers in Tokyo have seen the big brokers stay in the black

Mixed fortunes for Japan's brokers

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

JAPAN'S "big four" brokers — Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi — reported profits for the six months to September 30, while nine out of the ten smaller houses suffered losses.

The four, plus Kokusai Securities, a second-tier broker, remained in the black thanks to profits on bond transactions.

The other second-tier houses suffered losses, blaming slack stock business in the first quarter of their year.

Analysts said the gap between big and small brokerages has been widening as both institutional and individual investors, as well as foreigners, are becoming increasingly selective in placing orders with Japanese firms.

Nomura reported profits of 32.16 billion yen (£204 million) in the first half, up 42.9 per cent on the same period last year.

Daiwa Securities made 27.53 billion yen in the first half, up 278 per cent, and said it seemed that the worst period of the securities industry slump was over.

Nikko unveiled 25.53 billion yen, up 995.7 per cent, while Yamaichi posted 5.21 billion yen.

Kokusai reported profit of 3.15 billion yen against a loss of 1.38 billion yen.

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Profits flow for US oil giants

From Richard Thomson in New York

AMERICA'S oil companies experienced one of their best third quarters in recent years as Exxon, the world's largest oil company, announced record profits for the period and Shell and Mobil also unveiled buoyant results.

Exxon's 30 per cent increase to $1.5 billion from $1.1 billion last year was better than the stock market had expected. The best performing business was chemicals, which more than doubled last year's third-quarter results as margins on chemical products improved.

A fall of about half a dollar in the price per barrel of crude oil was offset by higher production of both crude and natural gas. Sales of petroleum products also rose, although profit margins came under heavy pressure.

For the first nine months of 1995, Exxon's profits soared by 50 per cent, thanks largely to a higher average oil price over the period of about $1.50 above last year's levels.

Shell also reported a 30 per cent profit rise to $431 million, after adjustments, for its US operations which gained strongly from higher margins and sales in chemicals. Oil and gas exploration and production were slightly down on last year because of lower prices, but the result was still the highest third-quarter profit in eight years. Over the past nine months, Shell has seen an even healthier profit increase of 41 per cent.

Mobil announced the steepest quarterly profit rise, however, of 41 per cent to $744 million, an increase of $216 million over last year. It, too, benefited from a strong performance in its chemicals business. Cash operating expenses were down $100 million, reflecting the results of restructuring and cost control programmes.

"We are striving to increase shareholder value by getting more from our existing assets and by making investments for growth," said Lucio Noto, the chairman. Mobil said that if adjustments such as a $42 million favourable court settlement were taken into account, its result for the third quarter was £786 million.

Cola leak angers Virgin

By Christine Buckley

THE cola wars took on a more bitter flavour yesterday as Virgin and a market research company hunted the source of a leak of information on market share in the highly competitive soft-drinks sector.

Nielsen, which conducts market research on behalf of drinks producers among others, said it had not received a request to put its data into the public domain — as would be usual if a company wished to publicise findings it had commissioned. Market research commissioned by one retail company will inevitably contain information regarding its rivals.

Both Coca-Cola and Pepsi denied releasing information which pointed to Virgin having a 5.7 per cent share of the cola market, a figure which has nearly halved since its high-profile launch last year.

The share falls short of Virgin's initial projections and, if non-take-home markets are included, Virgin Cola's sales fall to 1 per cent of the total and are expected to amount to about half a billion cans this year.

Virgin complained that it was again being targeted by established rivals who did not welcome new players.

"The same thing happened when Virgin Atlantic was launched. There seems to be a deliberate effort to put down the product," said a spokeswoman. Virgin, which at the weekend was criticised by the Bradford and Bingley Building Society for comparative advertising, said that the cola division was on course to make profits of £1 million in its first year.

Latest Nielsen figures for the take-home market put Virgin's share at 3.1 per cent against 19.5 per cent for Pepsi and 46 per cent for Coca-Cola. Virgin, which has supermarket sales through Tesco only, trails substantially in the advertising stakes. Its spending of £4 million in the UK over the year is vastly overshadowed by that of Coca-Cola and Pepsi, which are at least four times as much.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

German economy shows sluggish signs

THE German economy is expected to show flat growth in the coming months, the Economics Ministry said yesterday in a monthly report that was the latest in a series of signs of sluggishness. Earlier this month the ministry adjusted downward its estimate of growth in gross domestic product to an inflation-adjusted 2.5 per cent this year, from the previous prediction of 3 per cent GDP growth.

A summary of the ministry's October monthly report said it expected "quite flat" GDP performance in coming months, without giving a detailed prediction. The ministry said there were good chances for stronger growth in 1996, but for this year the causes of the sluggishness were slower world growth, high wage settlements, a stronger German mark, and a weakening construction market. Germany's six leading economic research institutes are expected to forecast growth this year of 2.25 per cent with the release of the latest twice-annual economic predictions.

Rentokil confirmation

RENTOKIL, the environmental services and property care company, has confirmed the departure of a key director. Clive Thompson, the chief executive, said of Michael Holmes, the regional managing director for North America: "Following the substantial increase in our North American activities, particularly the recent excellent acquisition of Mayne Nickless security businesses in North America which puts us into number six spot in US security, Michael and the company mutually agreed that our ways should part."

Extra interest at Halifax

EXTRA interest will be paid on some Halifax Building Society accounts with effect from February 1996. Cash in accounts which are no longer open to new customers will be transferred to accounts paying a better rate of interest. Halifax Liquid Gold will be the destination for more than 90 per cent of accounts. The move follows the withdrawal of the Paid-Up Shares account. Liquid Gold pays from 1 per cent to 4.70 per cent, depending on the size of the balance, while Paid-Up Shares pays a flat rate of 1 per cent.

Pensions review boost

THE Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog for firms that sell direct to the public, yesterday took a significant step forward in its review into the personal pensions mis-selling problem when it announced that Pensions and Actuarial Services (PAS) is to supply vital software to the PIA's Pension Unit. The unit will now be able to carry out its review on past pension transfer and opt-out cases. In a separate move, the PIA also issued a consultative paper on personal pension income withdrawals for people aged 50 or over.

Step up for Sleepy Kids

SLEEPY KIDS, the animation and merchandising group which has ridden high on Budgie the Little Helicopter, the Duchess of York's creation, is preparing for a full stock market listing. The company currently trades on the Unlisted Securities Market. Williams de Broe will replace Shaw & Co, which has been broker for Sleepy Kids for nearly two years. Singer & Friedlander will be financial adviser. Market value stands at £13.2 million, but the company is likely to win a market capitalisation much higher.

ScotPower acceptances

SCOTTISHPOWER said yesterday that its £1.1 billion offer for Manweb, the regional electricity company, had received 93.5 per cent acceptances, enough to allow it to force the remaining shareholders to sell their holdings. Compulsory purchase orders will be issued over the next two weeks, allowing completion by early December. Manweb shareholders can take 990p in cash, or a combination of ScottishPower shares and cash. The purchase marks the first merger between an electricity company and water company.

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☐ Budget quandary for the Chancellor ☐ Millennium Commission picks its winners ☐ Out of the ruins of Polly Peck

Fresh fruit or rotten vegetables?

☐ A GOVERNING politician's job is to put a reassuring gloss on any set of statistics, however dire, while those across the Chamber are paid to throw as much offal and rotten vegetables as come to hand. Both camps can draw much ammunition from the latest set of GDP figures.

Kenneth Clarke, in Panglossian mode, will point to a British economy expanding but not too fast, in line with sustainable long-term growth and raising no need for an interest rate rise. The lowest year-on-year gain in GDP since 1993 suggests a quarterly growth rate, stripping out volatile oil production, running at half the level of last year and offering no threat of the economy over-heating, a line that will play well in the Chancellor's monthly chat with Eddie George.

Mr Clarke will probably expand his argument to take in a worldwide economy likewise progressing at a suitably sedate pace. The Americans are pulling in imports again, suggesting a resumption in growth, the slowdown on the Continent shows no signs of a fresh recession and even the Japanese, in spite of their benighted banks, seem to have turned the corner again. What better backdrop to prepare a Budget that will perform the balancing act of cutting taxes while keeping down borrowings?

Unfortunately, the view that will come from the Eeyores on the Opposition benches is a more convincing one. The market jitters yesterday had more to do with events on the foreign exchanges and on Wall Street last week. Most observers now accept that the next move in interest rates will be down rather than up, even if concerns over gilts and the attitude of the Bank of England will push that move into next year.

But back in the real world, the gap between winners and losers is widening. Growth is continuing in the service sector but at the expense of manufacturing, constrained by weak activity overseas and high levels of built up stocks. Sectors such as distribution, hotels and catering are expanding, but a difficult housing market and low rates of pay growth are not helping those that actually produce the goods, as opposed to those who ship them around the country or simply take in the washing. All the past evidence is that a cut in base rates will not provide much of a boost to consumer confidence and spending.

Today's CBI survey of industrial trends will reinforce that view of an economy on diverging courses. The more he hears, the more tempted Mr Clarke will be to throw fiscal caution to the winds on November 28 and offer a Budget of real tax cuts.

Why must it be them?

☐ SPOTTING the next National Lottery scandal to break is every bit as hard as entering the winning numbers in the Saturday night draw, but rather more fun. Pass over, for a moment, Eritrean refugees and their ilk, and consider the four competitors now vying to run the lottery-funded Millennium Exhibition.

They are Granada, MAI, a design consultancy called



Imagination and a Touche Ross-led collection of builders, property companies and landscape gardeners. The Millennium Commission has decided one of them will receive an expected £100 million of lottery funds to go towards the exhibition centre.

The scheme is part of the commission's run-up to the year 2000 and counts as a priority some way ahead of the 12 landmark projects now under discussion, each of which can expect to receive £50 million of lottery money.

Time was, the country needed a new fun fair and someone went and built one, and their return was the cash that came in from grateful punters. At the same time, one of the clear forerunners for the millennium jamboree, the Great Exhibition of 1851, was funded by private capital, and highly profitable for the operators.

Now it seems we have to rely on the lottery, which pays 5.6p for every pound received to the commission. Just what the exhibition will comprise is deliberately vague at this stage, but it certainly looks like a money-spinner for whichever of the four the ghostly finger eventually lights upon. An estimated 15 million people will visit each year, as against three million who go to Alton Towers, for example, making it by far and away the country's biggest paid-for tourist attraction.

Four sites are being considered. The most obvious one is the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, which already enjoys the necessary transport links, but two others are the notorious London traffic black-spots of Stratford and Greenwich. Perhaps the Millennium Exhibition could take over the Royal Naval College there, now surplus to requirements, as a fitting symbol of the lottery's pre-eminence as a cultural icon?

Second coming of Asil Nadir

☐ FOR those who can remember as far back as May 1993, and a certain desperate flight to northern Cyprus, the events surrounding the former head of Polly Peck International have an increasingly surreal air to them. Mr Nadir, as we had better get used to calling him again, stands every chance of stepping onto the tarmac at Heathrow a free man.

He already has control of most of his empire within the unrecognised republic, those much-vaunted orange groves that founded the Polly Peck phenomenon. He could, if a deal being toyed with by the receivers goes through, end up with the group's business interests in mainland Turkey again.

Now we learn that Coopers & Lybrand, which thought it was doing the work of the just in pursuing those Polly Peck assets, — and which was shot at, never forget, in the process — faces criminal prosecution in Turkey. Some of its accountants could end up in an Istanbul court just as the luckless Serious Fraud Office heads for London's High Court and a showdown there with a vengeful Mr Nadir.

The SFO has survived some catastrophes in its time, and the business world has seen some extraordinary Lazaruses come back from the dead. But the new zenith of Mr Nadir puts most such revenants in the shade.

Taxing patience

☐ COOPERS & LYBRAND is bemoaning the lack of investment generated by Venture Capital Trusts and the Enterprise Investment Scheme, two bright ideas from earlier Budgets, in spite of the 20 per cent tax relief they offer on entry. The solution, the accountant urges the Chancellor this time, is to double that relief. More sensible, surely, to accept that they have not worked, scrap them, and start again?

MCI slumps into the red after taking $831m charge

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

MCI, the US telecommunications group that is 20 per cent owned by British Telecom, has reported a loss of $240 million for the third quarter after taking a charge of $831 million against asset writedowns and restructuring.

The result compares with profits of $220 million last time. However, without the special charge it would have seen a rise in profits to $275 million as revenues rose strongly, the company said.

The charge covers $216 million for reorganisation costs, including 3,000 redundancies, and $520 million for writedowns on old communications systems. MCI also took a $95 million writedown on investments in other companies.

Despite the loss, MCI's businesses were functioning at full capacity, with revenues climbing from $3.4 billion to $3.8 billion, fuelled by growth across all segments of its market. Gerald Taylor, president and chief operating officer, said: "MCI demonstrated exceptional revenue and volume growth in the third quarter. We will continue to leverage our core strength — marketing and merchandising, intelligent network, high volume transactional billing and customer service — to capitalise on new market opportunities."

Concert, the global telecom service for multinationals, which MCI runs with British Telecom, reached a customer base of more than 2,000 for the first time. The service is the first co-operative enterprise between the companies since BT paid $4.3 billion for its interest in MCI last autumn in one of the biggest strategic moves so far in the international telecoms industry.

MCI's other major joint venture is an on-line computer service which it shares with The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. The telecoms company holds a 13.5 per cent stake in News Corp, making it the first major outside shareholder in the group. The two companies have invested $400 million in developing the on-line service as a successor to News Corp's Delphi system.

MCI also saw big gains in its traditional markets, including long distance and international business calling, during the quarter. International business calls rose by 50 per cent.

Newer services also performed strongly, including data transmission, which grew by 30 per cent. The paging and cellular phone businesses also did well. There are now more than 320,000 customers for the paging service and more than 300,000 mobile phone customers after MCI's purchase of Nationwide Cellular Service.

Thorn cuts debt with French sale

THORN EMI yesterday reduced its debt by more than a quarter after selling its stake in SGS-Thomson, the French microelectronics company (Christine Buckley writes).

The company, which is preparing to demerge its music and electronics businesses, sold its remaining holding of 2.8 per cent in the businesses for £95.6 million after having disposed of a smaller interest worth £24 million last year.

Thorn denied that the money would form part of its defence to shore up the balance sheet in advance of the demerger which is expected next year. At the end of March Thorn had debts of £363 million.

Poison pill threat over Royal Bank

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PETER WOOD, the founder of Royal Bank of Scotland's Direct Line telephone insurance operation, is threatening to become a "poison pill" if the bank is taken over. He has said he may leave and set up a rival operation if he was not happy with the new owners.

There has been widespread speculation that the bank is a bid target as part of the rapid consolidation in the UK financial services sector.

Mr Wood has said he would also use Privilege, the joint-venture he set up in conjunction with RBS, as a poison pill. He owns 30 per cent of Privilege, but has 51 per cent of the voting rights.

Dr George Mathewson, chief executive of RBS, said yesterday: "We do not feel under any takeover threat."

An RBS spokesman yesterday also confirmed that Mr Wood is considering setting up a new insurance venture like Direct Line in the US, but there were no plans at present.

A Direct Line spokeswoman said that although Mr Wood's Direct Line service contract expires in 1997, he remains committed to RBS and to Direct Line. She said: "Even if his interests diversify with a venture in the US, the link with RBS and Direct Line will be maintained."

Under US law, RBS, which owns a US retail bank, is prohibited from owning an insurance operation. However, it would be able to make an investment in a venture set up by Mr Wood.

Bid fightback by Country Casuals board

COUNTRY CASUALS, the clothing retailer that is contesting a takeover bid from its former chief executive, launches its defence document on Thursday (Christine Buckley writes).

The chain has already formally rejected a bid valuing the company at £26.8 million by John Shannon, the company's ex-chief executive who quit last year in a dispute over contract lengths. It said that the 140p a share offer, made by Mr Shannon's Ciro Holdings and backed by venture capital and debt, undervalues Country Casuals.

Mr Shannon, who has an 18.8 per cent stake in Country Casuals, has won the backing of Philips & Drew Fund Management, which has a holding of 11.1 per cent of the company. The share price yesterday stood at 139p.



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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Glaxo's agreement in US provides tonic for shares

THE London stock market flirted dangerously with the 3,500 level before recovering its poise after some enterprising deal-making in the US by Glaxo Wellcome.

Renewed weakness in the the dollar and sterling undermined both gilts and US Treasury bonds, bringing another volatile performance on financial markets.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was down more than 40 points after heavy selling of the financial future ahead of tomorrow's gilt auction. London's position was not helped by opening losses on the Dow Jones Industrial Average in New York, but it regained its composure to halve earlier losses. The FT-SE 100 index closed 19.9 points down at 3,531.5. Trading was thin, with 523 million sharesd traded.

Glaxo Wellcome stood out with a rise of 52½p to 849p on news that it had settled a legal dispute relating to patents covering ranitidine hydrochloride, an ingredient of Zantac, its best selling anti-ulcer drug. By the close of business, more than 23 million Glaxo Wellcome shares had changed hands. The argument with E. Merck Generics was settled just hours before both sides were due to appear in a US court.

Merck has now agreed not to launch any product containing the chemical before July 1997 when the basic patent expires. In return, Glaxo Wellcome will pay the company an unspecified sum over three years.

Rival **Zeneca** moved ahead 20p to £11.96 in the hope that Glaxo Wellcome had found a solution to long-running and costly disputes about patents. **SmithKline Beecham** firmed 5p to 657p before figures this week.

Northumbrian Water featured with a rise of 13p to 998p, hoping that Lyonnaise des Eaux will be given the go-ahead by the Government to proceed with its proposed bid after being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in the spring.

In July, Ofwat, the industry regulator, said the bid would be blocked unless the French cut water charges by up to 15 per cent. The bidder is expected to offer up to £11 a share, valuing Northumbrian at £765 million.

The bid for Northumbrian is regarded as a test case, with other water predators delaying their move until the outcome is known. But some brokers remain sceptical, claiming that giving the all-clear to Lyonnaise des Eaux is unlikely to precipitate a series of bids for other water companies.



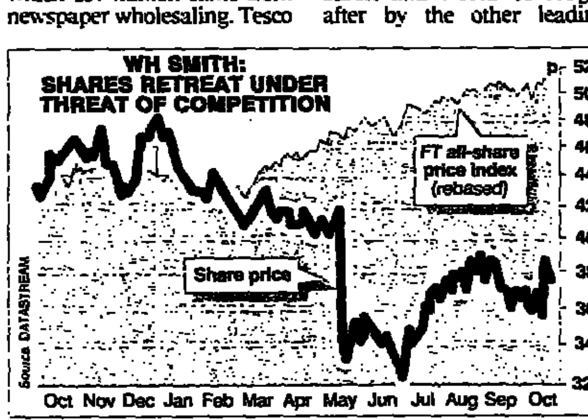
Newspapers threat from Tesco sent WH Smith shares lower

WH Smith, the retailer, saw its price drop 12p to 375p as its key newspaper and magazine operations came under threat of direct competition from Tesco, the supermarket chain. Tesco is hoping to strike a deal with newspaper publishers enabling it to distribute newspapers direct to its stores, a move which is likely to dent Smith's figures.

Last year WH Smith made profits of £112 million, of which £37 million came from newspaper wholesaling. Tesco said such a move would enable it to utilise its marketing expertise and offer greater flexibilty to customers. Brokers fear WH Smith will now have to cut costs and become more efficient. **Tesco** finished 3p lower at 299p.

Royal Bank of Scotland succumbed to profit-taking after several weeks of speculative buying on talk that the group could soon find itself the subject of a bid. The profit-taking was sparked by reports over the weekend that Peter Wood, the man who built up its Direct Line insurance business, now wants to expand in the US. He is likely to pursue the idea if RBS becomes the target of a bid. Direct Line, is now Britain's biggest car insurer, and would be sought after by the other leading companies in the banking and insurance sector.

Reports that Ford wants its suppliers to freeze prices for the next five years left Lucas Industries 6p lower at 186p, GKN 16p at 776p and Laird Group 6p at 414p. But brokers say such demands are not new. The companies have coped well with similar demands in the past and are now leaner and fitter.



Meyer International, the timber group, slipped 1p to 340p, still awaiting the outcome of bid talks with Harrison & Crosfield. Last week a line of 1.13 million shares went through, 4p above the ruling market price of 360p. This has led to suggestions that a deal may be imminent.

Elsewhere on the bid front, **Dobson Park Industries** saw 1p slip from its price at 124p after it rejected the possibility of higher terms from Harnischfeger, the US mining equipment group. The current offer values Dobson Park at 110p, but Harnischfeger says it is willing to raise the price to 128.2p a share, including a forecast final dividend of 3.3p a share. Harnischfeger said it would only be prepared to make such a move if the Dobson Park board agreed the offer. Dobson has declined, saying the terms undervalue the company.

Tring International, the compact discs group, which has seen its value halve in the past week, continued to retreat. It finished 8p down at 44p, stretching the loss of the past week to 58p. This follows a profits warning and boardroom reshuffle.

□ **GILT EDGED:** Prices were soon lowered as early sellers showed their hands in the futures pit after the weekend setback for US Treasury bonds. The lower than expected Gross Domestic Product made little impact, with investors remaining cautious before tomorrow's auction. Last month's £3 billion auction was barely covered, but traders are becoming increasingly confident that this one will be fully subscribed.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished £7/16 lower at £104 23/32 as the total number of contracts completed reached 50,000.

In the cash market, **Treasury 8 per cent 2013** dropped £7/16 to £96 7/16, while at the shorter end, **Treasury 8 per cent 2000** was £7/32 lower at £101⅜.

□ **NEW YORK:** US shares were sharply lower as weakness in the dollar, bond market and European stock markets brought profit-taking. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 36.49 points to 4,758.37, with declining shares leading advancing issues five to two.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	4758.37 (-36.49)
S&P Composite	584.78 (-2.68)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	18156.24 (-1.09)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9880.53 (-14.71)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	449.17 (-5.68)

Sydney:

AO	2089.3 (-17.5)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2107.42 (-63.07)

Singapore:

Straits	Closed

Brussels:

General	7700.90 (-48.46)

Paris:

CAC-40	1721.14 (-19.58)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	685.50 (-15.00)

London:

FT 30	2579.5 (-20.1)
FT 100	3531.5 (-19.9)
FT-SE Mid 250	3912.5 (-27.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1758.6 (-10.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1352.04 (-28.43)
FT A All-Share	1737.81 (-9.97)
FT Non Financials	1845.41 (-6.83)
FT Fixed Interest	110.88 (-0.47)
FT Govt Secs	92.67 (-0.08)
Bargains	28561
SEAQ Volume	523.0m
USM (Datastrm)	182.44 (+0.41)
US$	1.5808 (+0.0051)
German Mark	2.1899 (-0.0134)
Exchange Index	83.5 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1785
£:SDR	1.0489
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	65	-1
Euro Sales Fin	125	-5
German Slr Wts	18	-1
Hay & Robertson	38	...
Indpt Radio	114	-3
MultiMedia (45)	60	-1
Murray Vct	103	-2
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	103	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	⅓	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo-East n/p (105)	5	...
Baris n/p (16)	2	...
Forth Ports n/p (490)	91	...
RMC n/p (950)	128	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Holders Tech	114p (+10p)
Telspec	858p (+14p)
Glaxo Wellcome	849p (+52½p)
Go-Ahead	280p (+7p)
Celltech	467p (+7p)
Scot TV	508p (+7p)
Kwik Save	681p (+7p)

FALLS:

HSBC	933p (-17p)
Nat West	637p (-9p)
Stand Chart	485p (-16p)
Bass	655p (-9p)
ICI	798p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	578p (-17p)
Delta	405p (-8p)
Br Aerospace	723p (-9p)
GKN	776p (-16p)
Britannic	691p (-14p)
Com Union	622p (-10p)
Lloyds Abbey	453p (-14p)
Sun Alliance	382p (-9p)
Legal & Gen	648p (-7p)
Mitel	333p (-18p)
Micro Focus	655p (-25p)
Rolfe & Nolan	270p (-10p)
Courtauld Text	417p (-15p)
Wembley	342p (-11p)
WH Smith	375p (-12p)
Br Land	363p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Seeboard: it's a gas

BOBBING in the wake created by the takeover battles for regional electricity companies is Seeboard, which yesterday vigorously waved the flag of diversification. The South East-based electricity company has established a joint venture with Amoco, the American oil company, aimed at supplying a large share of domestic gas consumption when the market becomes a free-for-all in 1998.

Seeboard already has a gas distribution business but, like all the suppliers set up to challenge the British Gas monopoly, its venture with Utilicorp has been a mere gadfly, buzzing about in the scraps of the commercial and industrial market where margins have been shredded. Over the past three years, Southern Gas made profits of £3 million and it will now be subsumed into the Amoco joint venture. The interesting feature of Seeboard's gas vehicle is that the deal struck with Amoco leaves the joint venture with very little risk. An initial £5 million of equity will cover set-up and marketing costs, but the big issue of upstream gas supply is left squarely in the lap of Amoco. The joint venture will not enter into take or pay contracts with Amoco, thus avoiding any exposure to the volatility of gas prices, a risk which is currently causing a mammoth headache for British Gas.

Take-or-pay contracts provide security for gas producers who need to square their huge investments with long-term customers but, given Britain's current oversupply of gas, Amoco is lucky to have a buyer at all. Seeboard has one million customers in the catchment area of the next trial domestic gas market and Amoco would like to supply them.

Glaxo Wellcome

RECENT tummy troubles for investors with Glaxo shares look to be over after yesterday's news of a settlement over the principal challenge to the Zantac patent. It would be wrong to exaggerate the weakness — Glaxo's price had risen by a third since its £6 January low.

The main uncertainty was litigation. The deal with Genpharm removes the possibility of a month-long court case involving thousands of pages of technical evidence at the end of which a lay jury would attempt to pronounce in favour or against the validity of the patent. To resolve ownership of the right to one of the world's most profitable drugs in this way would be like flipping a coin.

Fortunately, Glaxo has been able to secure continued protection for the core US market by allowing some competition in the UK, Australia and Canada, and the shares responded accordingly. The question is whether there is more to gain and the answer must be affirmative. Glaxo has underperformed rival SmithKline Beecham with the latter's shares rated at almost 19 times 1996 earnings, while Glaxo trades on a multiple of less than 16. American investors, driven by product stories, have ignored Glaxo and raised their SB interest to almost 30 per cent, but after yesterday's news and assuming Glaxo tells a good tale at November's presentations, US investors may begin to see the value gap.



Japanese brokers

THE gap is widening between the big four Japanese brokers and their second division rivals. Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi — and only one of the ten second-tier firms, Kokusai — managed to report first-half profits.

The other nine firms suffered losses. This was due in part to slack equity business — daily average turnover of the first section on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was only 200 billion yen (£1.2 billion) in the April-June period. Most firms need a daily stock market turnover of between 350 billion yen and 400 billion yen just to break even, although the big four firms said they would break even even at lower levels of about 250 billion yen.

The collapse of Barings did nothing to help investor confidence. Smaller brokers also suffered: Japanese investors as well as those from overseas are wary to place their money with any firm lacking a household name. The gap in the financial success of Japanese brokers is likely to continue to widen unless management at smaller brokerages focus their securities business and stop trying to compete with the bigger firms to be a one-stop shop.

Northern Ireland

OPTIMISM about investment in Northern Ireland continues, in spite of a lack of evidence that the cease-fire has done anything concrete to boost the economy. Today's report from Cooper & Lybrand shows a remarkably high level of business confidence, but so far few signs that peace is putting more cash in the province's tills.

These are still early days. Anyone keen to invest in Ireland might consider putting their money in Emerald Investment Trust, to be launched by Rea Brothers next month, which is raising £40 million to create an all-Ireland fund.

The rationale for investing, however, is not chasing the peace dividend but a play on Ireland's strong economic growth trend — the Republic's GDP has risen faster than the UK over the past 5-6 years and the outperformance is set to continue. However, the Irish stock market is trading on a multiple of less than 11 times 1995 earnings, compared with about 14 times for the UK stock market.

Part of the problem facing investors is that the Irish stock market is dominated by a few big companies — Smurfit, CRH — which are more affected by international developments than the local economy. Emerald will attempt to resolve that problem by allocating 20 per cent to mature unquoted companies in sectors that may respond to a peace dividend, such as tourism and housing.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	917-916	Mar	1033-1028
Mar	946-944	May	1050-1040
May	964-963	Jul	unq
Jul	993-981	Sep	
Sep	998-997		
Dec	1017-1015	Volume: 3725	

ROBUSTA COFFEE (£)

Nov	2425-2420	Jul	2240-2225
Jan	2373-2372	Sep	2210-2170
Mar	2330-2325	Nov	2180-2160
May	2275-2270	Volume: 3641	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	331.9-29.8
Spot: 382.4		Oct	291.4-90.5
Dec	346.3-45.5	Dec	289.4-88.9
Mar	329.3-28.5	Mar	287.7-85.1
May	324.9-23.5	Volume: 1208	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.96	103.20	127.92
(+/-)	-2.69	+0.41	+0.01
Eng/Wales:	93.96	103.05	128.25
(+/-)	-2.66	+0.31	-0.19
(%)	-15.0	+14.0	+5.0
Scotland:	unq	104.39	124.93
(+/-)		+1.21	+2.42
(%)		+9.9	+20.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.90	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.65	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.75	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.05	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	16.90	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas.	15 B. 171 (n/c)	O: 173 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	149 (+1)	150 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	96 (-1)	98 (n/c)
Naphtha	153 (+4)	155 (+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	146.25-46.50	Feb	147.50-47.75
Dec	147.00-47.25	Mar	147.00-47.50
Jan	147.25-47.50	Vol: 12467	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	15.93-15.95	Mar	15.53-15.57
Jan	15.74-15.76	Apr	15.55 SLR
Feb	15.64-15.68	Vol: 15267	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	121.85	Nov	111.75
Jan	124.25	Jan	114.95
Mar	126.25	Mar	117.25
May	128.25	May	119.25
Jul	129.75	Sep	107.75
Volume: 681		Volume: 342	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	154.0
Apr	268	271.0
May	unq	312.5
		Volume: 40

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov: 99.50-100.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1610	1610	1592
Nov 95	1550	1540	1544
Dec 95	1550	1545	1534
Apr 96	1560	1540	1540
Vol: 93 lots		Open Interest: 4034	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2759.0-2760.0	2695.0-2696.0	2194.50
Lead ($/tonne)	657.00-658.00	652.00-652.50	6473
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	951.00-951.50	976.00-976.50	164475
Tin ($/tonne)	6155.0-6165.0	6225.0-6230.0	10925
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1627.0-1627.5	1665.0-1665.5	1602725
Nickel ($/tonne)	7910.0-7920.0	8035.0-8040.0	7330

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Dom	500	27	36½	40½	14	18½	28
(*517½)	550	5½	14½	19	46½	48½	59½
Argyll	300	31	38	42½	5	8½	13
(*325½)	330	12½	20½	25½	17	21	27
ASDA	90	10	12½	14½	2½	4	5
(*96½)	100	4½	7½	9½	7	8½	9
Boots	500	47	59	64	4½	9½	14
(*540½)	550	17	27½	34½	24	28½	36
Br Airways	460	20	31½	39	17½	22	27½
(*497½)	500	6	15	21½	44½	47½	52
BP	460	23½	32	35	9½	15½	19½
(*477)	500	6½	13½	19	37½	38	41
Br Steel	160	10½	15½	18	5	7	10½
(*166½)	180	3	6½	9	17½	18½	22
C & W	390	32	45	51½	8	14	19½
(*411½)	420	15	29	35½	21½	27½	34
CU	600	49	55	62½	13½	25	30½
(*622½)	650	20	28	34	37	51½	57
ICI	750	66	75½	83	11½	17	32
(*797½)	800	32	43½	53	35	38½	45
Kingfishr	460	38	48½	55	9½	19½	24
(*492½)	500	16	26½	32	29	39½	43½
Land Sec	550	33½	44	49	8	11½	20
(*574½)	600	8½	17½	22½	35	37½	47
M & S	420	22½	33	38	9	13	18
(*431½)	460	6	13½	18½	35	35½	39½
Nat West	600	53½	62	69	9	20	26
(*637½)	650	23	33½	42	29	44½	50
Sainsbury	390	24½	33	36½	7	9	15
(*406)	420	9½	17	22½	21½	24	30
Shell	700	51½	61½	65	4	12	15
(*735½)	750	18½	29	35	21	37½	37
Smkl Bch	650	26½	42½	57	18½	26½	33½
(*654½)	700	7½	20½	30½	51½	58	62½
Storehse	300	20½	27	32½	7½	10½	13½
(*311½)	330	6½	13	17½	24	26½	29
Trafalgar	20	6	7½	9	3½	5	6
(*22)	25	4	6	7½	6½	9½	9
Unilever	1250	35½	57½	69½	27½	44	49
(*1251)	1300	15½	33½	46	97	73	76½
Zeneca	1150	85½	108	131½	26½	48½	59
(*1190)	1200	57½	80	104½	47½	70½	80½

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	29½	40½	45½	2½	12	14½
(*446½)	460	6½	19½	25	20½	32½	34½
Ladbroke	160	7½	14	16	1½	5½	8
(*165)	180	0½	5	7	15	16½	19½
Utd Bisc	280	13	23	29½	5	12	14½
(*284)	300	4	14	19	17½	23	27½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	30½	42½	48½	9½	11½	16
(*480½)	500	10	21½	27½	29½	31½	35
Thames W	500	30	41	49	15	20	27½
(*516½)	550	10	20	26	45½	49	59½

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	33½	49½	55	2	11	20
(*529)	550	5	21	28½	24	37½	45½
BTR	300	20½	28	31½	0½	4	5½
(*319½)	330	2	11	14½	12	17	23
Br Aero	700	32	61	72	4	22	33½
(*722½)	750	8	36	47	33½	48	58
Br Telcm	360	25	28½	33½	0½	7	9
(*380½)	390	4	12½	17½	11½	21½	24½
Cadbury	500	31½	48	50½	5½	15½	20½
(*525)	550	7	22½	26	29½	37½	45½
Guinness	500	10	26½	33	8	17½	24½
(*500)	550	0	9	13	50	51	56
GEC	300	21	27	33½	0½	5½	7
(*319)	330	3	10	16½	12½	19	20½
Hanson	193	6	10	—	1	9	—
(*197½)	211	0½	3	—	17	23	—
LASMO	140	17½	22½	25	0	2	3
(*158½)	160	5	10½	12½	4½	9	10½
Lucas	180	9	16	20	3	7	9
(*196½)	200	1	8	10½	14½	19	20
Pilkngtn	180	13	15	20	2	7½	9
(*196)	200	2	6½	10½	14½	19	20
Prudential	360	29	39½	45	1	8½	13
(*386½)	390	4	20½	27	9½	15	26½
Redland	330	22	34½	41	2½	5	14
(*349½)	360	4½	17	24	14	19	25½
R-Royce	160	7½	14	16½	2	5½	9
(*164½)	180	0	5½	8	17½	17½	20½
Tesco	280	21	29½	34	0½	4½	9
(*299)	300	6½	17	21½	6	12½	15½
Vodafone	260	21½	29½	28	4½	11½	15
(*266)	280	3	11½	18½	16	22	25½
Williams	300	14	22½	27½	1½	6	11
(*310½)	330	1½	8	12	19½	22	27½

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	550	22½	36	39	17	32	35
(*551)	600	5½	15½	19	50½	64	66½
Amstrad	260	24½	33	39½	4	9	11½
(*278)	280	12	21½	28½	12	17½	22
Barclays	700	54½	71½	74	7	20	25½
(*740)	750	22	40½	50	27½	42½	49½
Blue Circ	280	15	24½	27	8	13	16½
(*287½)	300	5½	15	17½	19½	24	31½
Br Gas	240	15	22	25½	2	5	10
(*249½)	260	4½	11	15	13	14	20
Dixons	360	32	40	49½	4½	11½	14½
(*383½)	390	13½	23½	32½	16	24	27½
Forte	240	10½	18	21	9½	13	15
(*245)	260	3½	9	11½	19	21½	24½
Tarmac	90	11½	14	16	1½	2	5
(*99)	90	5	8½	10½	5	7	9
Hillsdwn	160	11	15½	17	2	5	10½
(*169½)	140	2	6	7½	14	15½	22
Lonrho	160	8½	11½	15½	5½	4	11
(*161)	181	2	4½	7½	19½	22	26
Sears	100	7½	10	12	1½	3½	5
(*106)	110	2½	5	6½	6½	9	13
Thrn Emi	1500	68	106	140	32	47½	51
(*1528½)	1600	27	59½	90	90	102	124
Tomkins	240	19	24½	30	2½	7	9
(*253½)	260	7	13½	19	11	16	15
TSB	300	15	22½	29½	2½	17½	20½
(*368½)	390	3	5	11	25	35	36½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Wel	800	65	70	89½	11½	22	27
(*849½)	850	37½	46½	62	30½	44	44
HSBC	900	67	90	102½	21	44	53
(*932½)	950	39	62½	76	43½	65	77½
Reuter	550	47½	63	72	11	19	24½
(*580½)	600	20	35½	45½	32½	41	47½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	390	27	33½	40	11½	20	23½
(*390½)	420	10½	21	28	35½	47½	53½

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	8	10	1	6½	7½
(*263)	280	0	0	0½	19	13	18

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	25	29½	28½	0½	2	1
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0½	26	30	33½

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	33	43½	54	4½	10	15½
(*490½)	500	9½	21	31½	22	27½	35
Scot Pwr	330	32½	36½	43½	3	7	7½
(*359)	360	11½	17	25	12	19	22½

FT-SE INDEX (*3531)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	151½	111½	75½	49	26½	12
Dec	183	144	110½	80½	57	37
Jan	206	168	137½	107½	84½	63
Feb	222½	187	156½	126½	102½	90
Jun	268½	—	204½	—	153	—
Puts						
Nov	13½	22½	37	59½	91	131
Dec	31	45	62½	87½	112	144½
Jan	44½	57½	77	98½	126½	157
Feb	57½	68½	88	109	136½	166
Jun	97½	—	132	—	179	—

October 23, 1995 Tot: 34813 Call: 19614 Put: 16199 FT-SE Call: 4390 Put: 5713

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3553.0	3554.0	3521.0	3550.0	12407
Previous open interest: 70224	Mar 96	3569.0	3569.0	3569.0	3579.0	500
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3938.0	0
Previous open interest: 3538	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.24	93.25	93.21	93.23	11004
Previous open interest: 333798	Mar 96	93.31	93.32	93.27	93.30	13445
	Jun 96	93.23	93.25	93.19	93.23	8938
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.19	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.34	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.01	96.03	95.99	96.02	16861
Previous open interest: 778104	Mar 96	96.14	96.17	96.13	96.16	21547
Long Gilt	Dec 95	104-29	104-29	104-14	104-23	50137
Previous open interest: 99019	Mar 96	104-00	104-00	104-00	104-05	6
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	120.50	120.60	120.30	120.41	1924
	Mar 96	119.38	119.42	119.25	119.25	250
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.96	96.02	95.77	95.97	108100
Previous open interest: 208800	Mar 96	95.30	95.40	95.26	95.38	114
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.15	94.17	94.08	94.13	1132
Previous open interest: 18560	Mar 96	94.36	94.37	94.31	94.38	320
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.75	97.78	97.71	97.76	2473
Previous open interest: 49775	Mar 96	97.84	97.87	97.80	97.86	2418
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	99.35	99.50	98.55	98.94	62975
Previous open interest: 44021	Mar 96	98.40	98.70	98.30	98.64	266

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 5 Week fixed: 6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 17/32; 3 mth 6 17/32. Sell: 2 mth 6 15/32; 3 mth: 6 15/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6 11/16	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 25/32-6¾	6 25/32-6 11/16	6¾-6 11/16	6 11/16-6⅝	6 21/32-6⅝
Interbank:	6 25/32-6¾	6 25/32-6 23/32	6¾-6 11/16	6 23/32-6⅝	6 21/32-6 19/32

Overnight: open 6¾, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6 11/16	6⅝	6⅝
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6 11/16	6 23/32-6 21/32	6 11/16-6⅝	6⅝-6 9/16	6⅝-6½
Dollar CDs:	5.75	n/a	5.81	5.79	5.79
Building Society CDs:	6 25/32-6 23/32	6 11/16-6⅝	6⅝-6 9/16	6⅝-6 9/16	6½-6 7/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 27/32-5 23/32	5⅞-5¾	5 27/32-5 23/32	5¾-5⅝	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4¼-3¾
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅜	7½-7¼	7⅜-7⅛	7¼-7	7⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	1¾-1⅝	1⅞-1⅝	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2¼-1¼
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.60 Close: $382.60-383.10 High: $382.80-383.30

Low: $381.60-382.10 AM: $382.55 PM: $382.55

Krugerrand: $384.50-386.50 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $411.10 (£260.20) Silver: $5.37 (£3.395) Palladium: $134.75 (£85.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4436-2.4561	2.4436-2.4468	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Brussels	44.89-45.17	44.89-44.99	12-9pr	31-25pr
Copenhagen	8.4880-8.5360	8.4890-8.5110	1-½pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Dublin	0.9742-0.9778	0.9748-0.9773	11-7pr	25-20pr
Frankfurt	2.1824-2.1925	2.1824-2.1855	⅝-½pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Lisbon	231.19-232.35	231.19-231.92	36-63ds	120-165ds
Madrid	189.96-190.62	189.96-190.25	44-54ds	130-147ds
Milan	2543.9-2558.0	2548.8-2552.9	8-10ds	25-28ds
Montreal	2.1361-2.1672	2.1641-2.1672	0.06-0.04pr	0.03-0.11ds
New York	1.5756-1.5834	1.5790-1.5800	0.13-0.11pr	0.34-0.31pr
Oslo	9.6900-9.7220	9.6930-9.7080	1⅛-1⅛pr	4⅛-3⅛pr
Paris	7.7000-7.7440	7.7000-7.7140	⅛-⅛ds	1⅛-2⅛ds
Stockholm	10.530-10.593	10.530-10.553	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Tokyo	157.26-157.76	157.26-157.53	⅛-½pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Vienna	15.359-15.437	15.359-15.386	3⅛-2⅛pr	12-9pr
Zurich	1.7732-1.7898	1.7732-1.7760	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3351-1.3368
Austria	9.73-9.74
Belgium (Com)	28.46-28.47
Canada	1.3664-1.3669
Denmark	5.3805-5.3835
France	4.8815-4.8835
Germany	1.3820-1.3825
Hong Kong	7.7313-7.7323
Ireland	1.6213-1.6233
Italy	1612.20-1613.70
Japan	99.68-99.73
Malaysia	2.5150-2.5160
Netherlands	1.5482-1.5487
Norway	6.1310-6.1330
Portugal	146.35-146.45
Singapore	1.4132-1.4142
Spain	120.15-120.22
Sweden	6.6698-6.6773
Switzerland	1.1215-1.1225

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5820-1.5846
Australia dollar	2.1149-2.1176
Bahrain dinar	0.5980-0.6000
Brazil real*	1.5171-1.5213
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6890-0.6990
Finland markka	6.5875-6.7035
Greece drachma	359.50-366.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2402-12.2495
India rupee	55.48-56.44
Indonesia rupiah	3541.00-3609.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4665-0.4765
Malaysia ringgit	3.9817-3.9858
New Zealand dollar	2.3937-2.3970
Pakistan rupee	50.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6750-5.7990
Singapore dollar	2.2373-2.2403
S Africa rand (com)	5.6840-5.7860
U A E dirham	5.7250-5.8460

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

3i	144	Land Secs	274
ASDA Gp	12,000	Legal & Gn	1,200
Abbey Ntl	2,200	Lloyds Bk	2,200
Allied Dom	1,300	Marks Spr	2,900
Argyll Gp	1,500	Mid Elec	448
Arjo Wggns	1,600	NatWst Bk	1,200
AB Foods	16	Nat Power	297
BAA	1,300	NW Water	725
BAT Inds	3,000	P & O	1,400
BOC	565	Pearson	857
BP	4,200	PowerGen	834
BSkyB	863	Prudential	2,000
BTR	5,600	REXAM	1,000
BT	8,800	RMC	207
Bk of Scot	821	RTZ	1,800
Barclays	887	Rank Org	753
Bass	1,100	Reckitt Col	622
Blue Circle	769	Redland	2,600
Boots	2,000	Reed Intl	1,100
BAe	609	Rentokil	1,800
BA	1,800	Reuters	1,200
Brit Gas	9,600	Rolls Royce	3,600
Brit Steel	7,800	Royal Ins	2,000
Burmah Cstl	33	Ryl Bk Scot	13,000
Cable Wire	2,800	Sainsbury	3,800
Cadbury	2,700	Schroders	33
Carlton Cms	499	Scot & New	324
Cm Union	770	Scot Power	10,000
Cookson	1,400	Sears	999
Courtaulds	764	Svrn Trent	163
De La Rue	81	Shell Trans	4,300
Enterpr Oil	613	Siebe	341
Fisons	596	SmKl Bch	1,900
Forte	1,400	Smith Nph	1,900
GKN	680	Sthern Elec	250
GRE	2,400	Std Chartd	4,000
GUS	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,800
Gen Acc	1,100	TI Gp	605
Gen Elec	3,900	TSB	2,600
Glaxo Well	23,000	Tate & Lyle	377
Granada	1,300	Tesco	2,800
Grand Met	2,900	Thames W	1,100
Guinness	950	Thrn EMI	281
HSBC	886	Tomkins	2,800
Hanson	9,900	Unilever	1,000
ICI	455	Vodafone	3,400
Inchcape	10,000	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	442	Wllms Hld	245
LASMO	1,900	Wolseley	618
Ladbroke	1,900	Zeneca	623

	Oct 23 midday	Oct 20 close
AMP Inc	40¼	40½
AMR Corp	67½	64½
AT & T	61½	64½
Abbott Labs	40½	40½
Advanced Micro	27½	26½
Aetna Life	71½	71½
Ahmanson (HF)	26	26½
Air Prod & Chem	50½	51½
Albertson's	34½	34½
Alcan Aluminum	29½	29½
Alco Standard	87½	87½
Allied Signal	43½	44½
Alum Co of Am	50½	51½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	45	45
Amer Brands	42	42½
Amer El Power	38½	38½
Amer Express	41½	41½
Amer Genl Corp	39	39½
Amer Home Pr	88½	88½
Amer Intl	83½	83½
Amer Stores	29½	29½
Ameritech	53½	53½
Amoco	65½	66½
Anheuser-Busch	64½	65½
Apple Computer	34½	35½
Archer Daniels	16½	16½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrong Wrld	56½	56½
Asarco	31	30½
Ashland Oil	33½	33½
Atl Richfield	106	105½
Auto Data Pro	71½	72½
Avery Dennison	43½	44
Avon Products	71½	71½
Baker Hughes	20½	20½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	27
Banc One	36½	36½
BankAmerica	63½	62½
Bank of NY	44	44½
Bankers Tr NY	64½	64½
Barnett Banks	58½	59½
Bausch & Lomb	36½	37½
Baxter Intl	39½	40½
Bectn Dicknsn	65½	65½
Bell Atlantic	63½	65½
Bell Industries	21½	21½
BellSouth	75½	75½
Black & Decker	32½	32½
Block (H&R)	40½	41½
Boeing	65½	66½
Boise Cascade	36½	38½
Bristol Myrs Sq	76½	76½
Browning Ferris	31½	31½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	76½	77½
CBS	80½	80½
CNA Financial	116	117
CPC Intl	67½	67½
CSX	82	83
Campbell Soup	52½	52½
Can Pacific	15½	16½
Cpil Cities ABC	117½	117½
Carolina Pwr	32½	33
Caterpillar	52½	53½
Central & SW	27	26½
Champion Intl	51½	51½
Chase Manhat	60½	59½
Chemical Bk	59½	58½
Chevron Corp	47½	48½
Chrysler	52½	53½
Chubb Corp	93½	94½
Cigna Corp	107½	107½
Citicorp	67	65½
Clorox	72½	72½
Coastal Corp	32½	33
Coca Cola	72½	71½
Colgate-Palmolive	70½	70½
Columbia Gas	38	38½
Compaq Comp	53½	53½
Comp Ass Intl	48½	48½
Conagra	39½	39½
Conrail	68½	70½
Cons Edison	30½	30½
Cons Nat Gas	39½	39½
Cooper Inds	33½	34
CoreStates	38½	38½
Corning Inc	27½	27½
Crown Cork	34½	39½
Dana Corp	26½	26½
Dayton Hudson	72½	73½
Deere	86½	86
Delta Air Lines	64½	65½
Deluxe Corp	31½	32
Detroit Edison	33½	33½
Digital Equip	52½	54½
Dillard Dept St	30	30½
Disney (Walt)	57½	57½
Dominion Res	40½	40½
Donnelley (RR)	38½	38½
Dover Corp	38½	38½
Dow Chemical	71½	72½
Dow Jones	35½	35½
Dresser	22½	22½
Duke Power	44½	44½
Dun & Bradstreet	59½	59½
Du Pont	66½	66½
Eastman Kodak	60½	61
Eaton Corp	53½	53½
Emerson Elec	70½	71½

	Oct 23 midday	Oct 20 close
Engelhard Corp	25	25½
Enron Corp	35½	35½
Entergy	28½	27½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	75½	75½
FMC Corp	72½	72½
FPL Group	41½	42
Federal Express	80½	81½
Fed Nat Mtge	104½	108
First Chicago	70½	70½
First Interstate	131½	137½
First Union Rty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	40½	39½
Fluor Corp	58½	58½
Ford Motor	29½	30
GTE Corp	40½	40½
Gannett	54½	55
Gap Inc Del	37½	37½
Gen Dynamics	55½	56½
Gen Electric	63½	64½
Gen Mills	57½	57½
Gen Motors	44½	44½
Gen Reinsurance	149½	150½
Gen Signal	31	31½
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	82½	83½
Gillette	48½	48½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	26½	25
Goodrich (BF)	65½	65½
Goodyear Tire	39	39½
Grace (WR)	59½	57½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20½	21½
Great Wstn Fin	24	24½
Halliburton	42½	42½
Harcourt General	41½	42½
Heinz (HJ)	46½	47½
Hercules	53½	54½
Hershey Foods	62	63½
Hewlett Packard	90½	88½
Hilton Hotels	67½	68
Home Depot	38½	38½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	43½	43½
Household Intl	61½	62½
Houston Inds	46½	47
Humana	20½	20½
ITT Corp	122	122½
Illinois Tool	58½	59
Inco	28½	28½
INCO	35½	35
Ingersoll Rand	35½	36½
Inland Steel	22½	22½
Intel Corp	66½	67½
IBM	96½	96½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48½
Intl Paper	36½	37½
James River Va	31	32½
Johnson & Johnson	80½	79½
Kellogg	73½	74½
Kerr-McGee	55	55½
Kimberly-Clark	71	70½
Kmart	9½	9½
Knight-Ridder	57½	57½
Lilly (Eli)	94	94½
Limited Inc	20½	20½
Lincoln Nat	43½	46
Litton	40½	40½
Liz Claiborne	26½	27½
Lockheed Martin	68½	70
Louisiana Pac	23½	24½
MCI Comm	25	25
Marriott Int	37½	39½
Marsh & McLen	85	85½
Masco Corp	27½	28½
May Dept St	40½	40½
Maytag Corp	18½	18½
McDonalds	41½	41½
McDonnell D	82½	83½
McGraw Hill	80½	81½
Mead Corp	53½	54½
Medtronic	55½	55
Mellon Bk	51½	51½
Melville Corp	34½	34½
Merck Inc	59½	60
Merrill Lynch	57	57½
Microsoft	96	95½
Minnesota Mine	56½	56½
Mobil Corp	102½	101½
Monsanto	105½	105½
Morgan (JP)	79	79½
Motorola Inc	65	64½
Natl Semd	25½	27½
Natl Service Ind	29½	30½
Navistar Int	9½	10½
NBD Bancorp	39½	39½
NY Times A	26½	26½
Newmont Mng	37	37½
Niag Mohawk	10½	10½
Nike B	110½	110½
NL Industries	14½	14½
Noram Energy	7½	7½
Nordstrom	37	37
Norfolk Sthn	76½	76½
Nthn State Pwr	47½	47½
Norwest Corp	31½	32
Nynex Corp	48	48½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	23½	23½
Oracle	42½	42½
Oryx Energy Co	12	12½

	Oct 23 midday	Oct 20 close
Owens Corning	43½	43½
PPG Industries	43½	43½
PNC Bank	27½	28½
PECO Res	25½	25½
Paccar Inc	44½	44½
PacifiCorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	25½	25½
Pac Gas & Elect	30½	30½
Pac Telesis	29½	29½
Pall Corp	24½	24½
Panhandle East	26½	27½
Peco Energy	28½	28½
Penney (JC)	46½	46½
Pennzoil	40½	40½
Pepsico	52½	52½
Pfizer	60½	61
Phelps Dodge	61½	62
Philip Morris	86	85½
Phillips Pet	32	31½
Pitney Bowes	41½	42½
Polaroid	40½	42½
PriceCostco	17½	17½
Procter & Gmbl	81	81
Providian	41½	42½
Pub Serv E & G	28½	28½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	59½	60½
Raychem Corp	44½	44½
Raytheon	82½	87½
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	49½	50½
Rockwell Intl	45½	45½
Roadway Svcs	45½	45
Rohm & Haas	53½	54½
Royal Dutch	122½	122½
Rubbermaid	26½	26½
SBC Comms	55½	55½
Safeco Corp	67½	67½
St Paul's Cos	55½	56½
Salomon Inc	37½	36½
Sara Lee Corp	29½	29½
Seacorp	17½	17½
Schering Plough	53½	53½
Schlumberger	65½	62½
Scott Paper	51½	51½
Seagram	34½	34½
Sears Roebuck	35½	36
Shell Trans	70½	71
Sherwin Wllms	38½	38½
Skyline Corp	18½	18
Snap-On-Tools	43½	41½
Southern Co	23½	24½
Sprint Corp	32½	32½
Stanley Works	46½	46
Sun Company	27½	27½
Sun Microsys	70½	70½
Suntrust	66½	66½
Supervalu	30½	30½
Sysco Corp	30½	30½
TRW Inc	69	69½
TOC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	10½	11½
Tandy Corp	53½	54½
Teledyne	25½	25½
Temple Inland	47½	47½
Tenneco	44½	44½
Texaco	67½	68½
Texas Inst	70	69½
Texas Utilities	36½	36½
Textron	68	67½
Time Warner	37½	37½
Times Mirror A	29½	29½
Timken	40½	41½
Torchmark	43½	43½
Toys R Us	24½	24½
Transamerica	68½	68
Travelers	49½	50½
Tribune	63½	63½
Tyco Labs	61½	62½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	168½	170
US Inds	15½	15½
USX Marathon	18½	18½
Unicom	32½	32½
Unilever NV	127½	127½
Union Camp	51	52½
Union Carbide	39½	39½
Union Pacific	65½	66½
Unisys Corp	7½	7½
USAir Group	13½	13½
USF&G Corp	18½	18½
US Life	29½	29½
US West	47	47
United Tech	89½	89½
Unocal Corp	27½	27½
Upjohn	47½	47½
VF Corp	47½	47½
Wang Tech	20½	20½
Wal-Mart Stores	22½	23½
Warner-Lambert	86½	87½
Wells Fargo	218	222½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	51½	52½
Whitman	22½	22½
Winn Dixie	35½	35½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50½	50½
Xerox	135½	135½
Yellow Corp	13½	13½

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Going Dutch

NOW it can be told. While something was going seriously wrong in the Far East operations, Barings directors were contemplating a takeover of none other than ING, the Dutch bank that ultimately bought the Barings name after the £860 million crash. The takeover plans by Barings were, according to the latest issue of the ING staff magazine, hatched after the Dutch had made overtures to the Barings board about a bid. Internationale Nederland Groep tells its staff that managers visited Barings last autumn to sound out whether Britain's oldest merchant bank might be for sale. "The directors of Barings weren't very keen. They were interested in buying us, but that was not the purpose of the visit," Aad Jacobs, the ING chairman, writes. The rest as they say is history. ING pumped in £660 million of capital to keep Barings going, but, ironically, ended up paying nothing for the goodwill attached to 233 years of merchant banking in the City.

High time

BUILDING societies tipped as merger or takeover targets are understandably tight-lipped about future plans. Not so, Bristol & West. Last night it kicked off a not inexpensive £8 million three-year advertising campaign. Its catchline is "It's about time." Tells you a lot, doesn't it.



"It works on electricity or gas"

Hung up

THE rearguard action against the mobile phone has begun. When one traveller on the 5.55am from Plymouth to Paddington took out his phone to call his office, another passenger remarked at the top of his voice: "If you want to do that sort of thing, you should go to the lavatory." His words silenced the carriage. No one else dared to use their phone until the train drew in at the platform.

Finale

THE mysteries of the former Soviet Union are still being revealed long after the Iron Curtain was pulled aside. This week Russia has at last agreed to lift the curtain on hundreds of thousands of classical music recordings never before heard outside the former Soviet Union by Shostakovich, the composer-artist, and Emil Gilels and Svyatoslav Richter, the pianists. The Russian Government first reached agreement with Phoenix Entertainment of Los Angeles in 1992, but legal disputes held up the go-ahead until yesterday.

Networking

NATIONAL SAVINGS, currently on the lookout for a new director to replace David Butler who leaves at the end of this week, is taking what might described as a leap into the future by joining the Internet. From December, savers will be able to access the new-look Virtual Reality shop window recently launched by the Government's savings arm for the latest rates on NS accounts. Oh, and by the way, candidates for Butler's post have been narrowed to a shortlist of four.



The machine tool company Bridgeport Machines turned itself around but knows it is heavily dependent on swings in the economic cycle

Industry's pause for breath takes on air of desperation

Many companies are looking to the Chancellor for artificial respiration. **Philip Bassett** reports

Bridgeport Machines, a Leicester-based machine tool company, is worried about the future. Having turned round its own performance from a low point two years ago, it is concerned now about the state of the economy. "There is a feeling that things are slowing down," says its European MD, Malcolm Taylor. "It all depends now on what happens in the Budget."

Business leaders will today publish the last authoritative information about the state of business in the UK before the Budget when the Confederation of British Industry announces the findings of its latest quarterly industrial trends survey.

Three months ago, at the time of the last survey, what ministers, business and the City wanted to know from one of the better economic barometers was whether the economy was pausing for breath — or the recovery was over and Britain was heading for another downturn.

Adair Turner, the CBI's Director-General, says that the economy is especially difficult to read at present. "Our overall judgment has to be that there undoubtedly has been a slowdown over the last three-four months — though we continue to be cautiously optimistic that it is a temporary slowdown rather than a more permanent one."

Richard Brown, Deputy Director-General of the British Chambers of Commerce, echoes that guarded confidence, but says: "This is a little bit more than a pause for breath. We are seeing more than a blip in terms of the slowdown in the rate of economic growth."

Yesterday's preliminary figures for third-quarter output continued to make the economy hard to read, confirming a slowdown in GDP growth, although at a good deal less than the rate of decline between the first and second quarters. Most City analysts said the figures were in line with expectations and the Treasury viewed them as showing that growth is running at a sustainable rate.

Down at Bridgeport, the view is less sanguine. Malcolm Taylor says: "The thing that does concern us is the investment climate, especially for small and medium-sized businesses. While there is a growth of investment by SMEs, they are not investing at anything like the rate we think they should."

A machine tool company whose business depends on other businesses investing would think that, wouldn't it, but independent commentators and business leaders are also concerned about the investment gap at this stage of the economic cycle. While investment is up almost 4 per cent on the end of last year, it is still a great deal lower than at its last peak.

Two years ago, *The Times* looked at Bridgeport as an illustration of how fragile economic recovery seemed then. After a two-thirds plunge in turnover, the company had just closed a plant in Bridlington, cut its workforce by almost two-thirds — and was still looking hopefully at the postman for signs of new orders.

It could have gone either way. For many companies, it meant failure. For Bridgeport, there was a turnround and the company now says that there was a "transformation — it was enormous". After falling to £20 million, turnover is now up to £34 million, with projections over the next two years of £55 million and £70 million respectively.

The company pulled out of making non-computerised milling machines in Britain, although it still sells them here, imported from its US parent. Employment is back up, to about 570 people. The company put in £8 million of new investment, and took on extra capacity in Leicester.

But that was not enough, so in May it bought a state-of-the-art manufacturing plant in Kempten, in Bavaria, built by Maho, the former German machine tool company. Although seen as a white elephant which contributed to Maho's collapse, Bridgewater got it for a knockdown price of £6 million — less than 10 per cent of its value — and has already begun production.

Ian Smith, marketing general manager, says the company is now targeting markets across Europe. Like many exporters, Bridgewater is fully committed to Europe and wary about any rampant political Euro-scepticism which might impair its sales.

But although Bridgeport is now doing well, it accepts that its business is heavily dependent on the swings of the economic cycle, and so its concern about where business and the economy is heading is of primary importance.

Other industries, too, are looking to the Budget to provide stimulus for their business — construction perhaps most of all. Paul Shepherd, chairman of the Building Employers' Confederation, talks in near-apocalyptic terms. The Budget, he says, "provides a last opportunity to stimulate construction activity. It is essential that this opportunity is seized". The construction industry in particular is deeply disappointed with the Government's private finance initiative — the programme for infrastructure projects which is meant to combine public- and private-sector financing. The Government's opponents argue that the scheme is flawed, and that the lack of private-sector interest reflects the Government's own failure to direct public spending properly.

Steve Robson, a deputy secretary at the Treasury who has responsibility for the PFI, accepts that the initiative has been slow to start. But at a conference staged by the Commission on Public Policy and British Business last week he suggested that private-sector companies had themselves been slow to adapt their thinking to the new programme. Whitehall observers expect stimulus to the PFI in the Budget.

Meanwhile, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is forecasting the loss of a further 100,000 jobs in the building industry over the next three years, with the loss of £1 billion in tax and other revenue to the Treasury.

Robert Monaghan, of the Tyneside surveyors Monaghan Bristow, believes that recession in the construction industry will remain for the rest of this year and well into next. "Confidence within the industry is at its lowest ebb for many years," he says. In Wales, Robert Parker of the surveyors Robert B. Parker says things are "still very depressed", while in Scotland Norman Edwards of Armour and Partners in Aberdeen says "the turnround in the economy still seems some time away". In the Midlands, Neil Pouney of Wakemans in Birmingham says bluntly: "It seems that every time we take a few steps forward, we stumble into a 'black hole' of depression that threatens to take us back to square one."

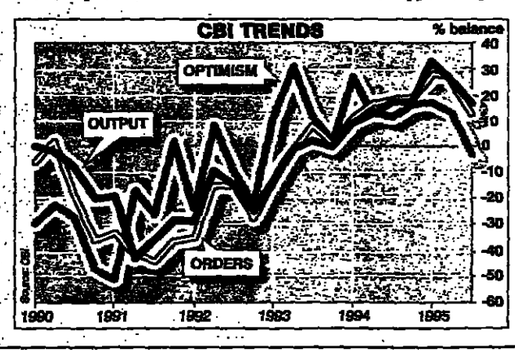
Today's CBI survey is likely to be in line with last week's report from the Chambers of Commerce and the study from the business information provider Dun & Bradstreet that the recovery is faltering.

Business leaders are exercised about what form, of stimulus, if any, industry now needs from the Government.

On the one hand, they want stability of macro-economic policy, and believe that the Chancellor's policy mix is about right. On the other, they would like to see something in the Budget to stimulate investment. They would, in particular, like to see the benefit from any tax cuts flow to business rather than consumers.

As the graphic shows, tracking some of the CBI survey's key indicators indicates that while output, orders and confidence are still growing, growth levelled off at the turn of the year and is now falling back. But the graphic shows that the indicators still have a long way to go before they approach the cliff that business fell off at the start of the recession in 1990 and those supporting the Government's economic policies believe that the slowdown this year has brought the economy to a point of sustainable growth over the longer term.

Perhaps, but at local level companies like Bridgeport remain nervous, even though they want to be convinced. For them, and for the City, today's CBI figures will be crucial in trying to work out whether the pause for breath has turned into a struggle for air.



Days of bus deregulation are numbered

Graham Searjeant says problems have grown since operators went it alone

Many car drivers will share the uncomfortable sensation of following an exceptionally aged rust-bucket, wondering how it could still be plying its trade on the public road and then registering the sign "school bus" in a back window. Under a regime of tight funding, price tendering and competition, children do not get a choice.

Lost of adults do. Deregulation has been the cornerstone of policy towards the bus industry since the state-owned part of it was broken up and denationalised in 1986 and direct blanket subsidies on municipal services were phased out. Some routes needed to be offered subsidies (on a competitive basis) to keep running, but there seemed no reason to think that bus services were naturally destined to be a monopoly.

Far from it. Buses could be bought or leased cheaply and moved anywhere in the country. It was hard to think of an industry where it was easier for new entrants to get started or to challenge incumbents who were inefficient, grasping or unresponsive to potential customers' needs. On well-used urban routes, direct competition should cut fares and improve service.

> "It is only a matter of time before 'Ofbus' joins the regulators"

That, in turn, should help to reverse the long, slow decline of passenger traffic. Britain could end up a greener, pleasanter land.

Competition was also experimental, so London was excluded lest the capital's chattering classes be offended by the raw edges of the new regime. Many provincial towns and cities have, however, proved less than grateful for the undoubted benefits of change. They are thoroughly fed up with unwanted by-products, such as aged buses chasing each other round and clogging up the streets.

Over the weekend, the Government started leaking plans, due to be announced next year, to start regulating the bus industry again. Stinking, aged buses will be banned from the roads. Shiny new customer-friendly and environmentally friendly vehicles will become *de rigueur*. Once started, however, any government will surely find that regulation takes over more than the quality of buses.

Two parallel problems have grown since deregulation. The first, soon to be tackled, is that head-on competition is often degrading service, not enhancing it.

A recent report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission found that vehicle miles travelled by buses have swelled almost a quarter since deregulation, but to little effect. The downtrend in custom has accelerated, falling by 27 per cent and the industry's total revenue has shrunk 10 per cent in real terms, despite lower real wages and higher prices. Not surprisingly, investment in new buses fell by the wayside. In 1986 fewer than a fifth of buses were more than 12 years old, by 1993 more than a third. All those aged buses engaged in cut-throat competition for declining custom were polluting the air rather than cleaning it up.

The second problem is that the stronger members of the industry are desperately trying to drive their competitors out of business and re-establish monopoly, sometimes using dirty tricks to speed the process. The Office of Fair Trading has received 570 complaints of anti-competitive behaviour and there have been endless Monopolies Commission investigations. The latest called for some basic rules of engagement in the bus war. Already, five companies control more than half the services in the country. These hate to compete directly against each other. On any route, competition is more likely to be between a low-cost small company and a big well-organised one. Most routes cannot support two operators.

If the Government brings in regulation on vehicle quality to stop "cowboy" operators starting up with old vehicles where ever they feel like, then direct competition will all but disappear on any but the most densely used routes. The essential point of deregulation would then be lost and the regime would be discredited. For good or ill, it can only be a matter of time before "Ofbus" joins the growing list of utility regulators.

Nobel prizewinner's theory under fire on new front

From Professor Kenneth F. Wallis

Sir, Expectations of future events are often an important factor in current economic decisions. Realistic economic models need to recognise this, and the hypothesis of rational expectations is one way, albeit an extreme way, of building expectations in, given that direct observations on expectations are rare. But the "policy ineffectiveness" proposition associated with Nobel laureate Robert Lucas, derided by Anatole Kaletsky (Economic View, October 19), rests on more than rational expectations. In Lucas's "new classical" macroeconomics, a more important part is played by the assumption that the economy is continuously in equilibrium, with prices and quantities continuously clearing all markets. This is where Kaletsky should direct his fire. Fluctuations are then caused only by reactions to unanticipated shocks, hence the prescription to avoid surprises in policymaking. Rational expectations is part of the Lucas story, but there is no necessary connection between one's view of the way the world works and one's assumptions about how expectations are formed within that world. Otherwise we would not see our own National Institute's "new Keynesian" model incorporating expectations, as it successfully does.

Yours faithfully,
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Cornerstone of blame

From Mr Alan Taylor

Sir, Pennington's unsympathetic response to the demise of 70 Cornerstone branches, "No relief for the chain gang" (October 20) attempts to absolve the present Government of blame for the state of the housing market.

While it is true that the origins of the crash can be attributed to Mrs Thatcher's administration; particularly the crass Lawsonian handling of the end of multiple tax relief, the present Government is equally, if not more, responsible for the poor current state of the housing market. Its adverse policies include the progressive removal of mortgage tax relief, the threat to tax the proceeds of redundancy insurances and the withholding of income support from the redundant or ill just at the point when repossessions are starting to increase once again. In fact, it is the very reversal of previous policy that most accounts for the depressed state of the market.

Your own Janet Bush put it most succinctly in the title of an excellent article (May 5) "From subsidy to subsidence: a Tory approach to housing".

Yours faithfully,
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A fairer way to allocate windfalls

From Mr Stan Gooch

Sir, The Building Societies Association is campaigning for a two-year qualifying period for members of societies to receive windfall benefits resulting from mergers or flotations. What is magical or logical about a two-year period? How does it differ crucially from a one year, fifty-one weeks and six days period?

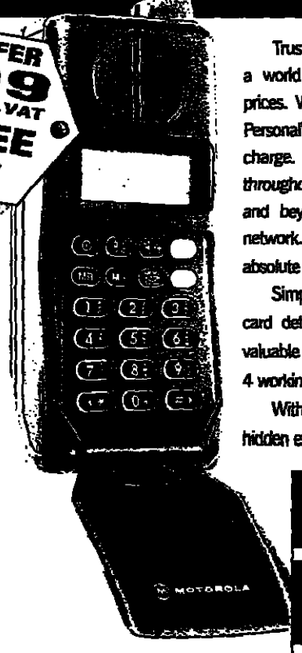
Justice and logic could be served by two interlinked sliding scales involving the length of membership and the average amount held in the building society account throughout that time.

Under this system, speculators depositing the minimum amount at the last minute would receive very little, while long-standing substantial depositors would be appropriately rewarded.

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Daimler offshoot to cut 9,000 jobs and sell factories

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

DASA, the troubled aerospace arm of Daimler-Benz, Germany's industrial flagship, is to cut nearly 9,000 jobs and sell off a number of its plants in Germany by 1998 in an effort to avert disaster.

Manfred Bischoff, the chief executive of Dasa, said that the aerospace company, which is British Aerospace's partner in the European Airbus consortium, had no choice but to "concentrate our efforts on remaining competitive, even under adverse conditions, if there is to be a future for the German aircraft industry".

He told a news conference in Munich that the effect of selling plants and reducing the German workforce would be a cost saving of more than DM500 million a year.

Dasa, Europe's biggest aerospace company, made a DM1.6 billion operating loss in the first half this year on sales of DM5.5 billion. But Herr Bischoff said Dasa, the main source of Daimler-Benz's current woes, could still lose more than DM2 billion this year, even though he thought it unlikely. A return to profit is not foreseen until 1997.

Jürgen Schrempp, the former head of Dasa, who took over as management board chairman of Daimler-Benz this year, has demanded that Herr Bischoff extract more than a DM1 billion a year in profit from aerospace involvement by 1998. Last year, the division showed a net loss of DM438 million on a turnover of DM17.3 billion.

Hit by the weak dollar, in which most of its business is priced, Dasa had been rumoured to be planning much bigger cuts, possibly eliminating as many as 15,000 jobs from its operations. The cuts announced by Herr Bischoff will reduce Dasa's workforce, excluding its embattled Dutch subsidiary Fokker, to just over 40,000.

Herr Bischoff said that the aim of the cost-cutting exercise was to allow all parts of Dasa to remain competitive in the world market at a dollar rate of DM1.35. This compared with the current market rate of DM1.38.

Dasa said it plans to sell German plants at Laupheim, Speyer and Peissenberg and was considering disposals at Ludwigsfelde and Dresden. Particularly deep cuts in the workforce will be made among those employed in the aircraft and propulsion systems operations.

The company is holding talks with the BMW-Rolls-Royce aero-engine joint venture concerning cooperation with Dasa's MTU.

Analysts in Frankfurt were unimpressed by the restructuring and await more details of the plans, drawn up under its "Dolores" project, to be announced next month.

Herr Bischoff said the restructuring would also affect Fokker, which cut 1,700 jobs earlier this year and is seeking support from the Dutch Government to ensure its survival.

Minister warns cable operators

BY ERIC REGULY

IAN TAYLOR, the Minister of Science and Technology, has warned the cable-TV and telecommunications industries to beware of monopolistic practices as the information superhighway takes shape.

Speaking yesterday at the European Cable Convention in London, he said: "As the market develops, I want competition policy to bite ... we're looking at this from the customer's point of view."

Some observers considered Mr Taylor's remarks a veiled threat against News International, which owns *The Times* and 40 per cent of BSkyB, the main provider of TV programming to the cable companies. BSkyB also dominates the "conditional access" technology needed to unscramble the coded TV signals.

Mr Taylor mentioned programming and conditional access as potential areas of concern in the future, but made no reference to BSkyB or any other European broadcaster. He said the Government "will soon be soon be setting out its proposals for the details of the conditional access licensing regime".

Some cable companies have complained to the Office of Fair Trading about BSkyB's rate card after TeleWest and Nynex, the two largest cable companies, signed long-term contracts with BSkyB that prevent them from setting up competing national sports and movie channels.

☐ TeleWest, Nynex and Bell Cablemedia, three of the largest cable companies, announced that they have established a "media laboratory" to develop video-on-demand services for the cable industry. The trials will begin in January.



Taylor: competition

ANDRÉ CAMARA



Chris Patten says the colony could become the richest city in the world next century

Patten acts to restore belief in future of Hong Kong

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

CHRIS PATTEN, Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday sought to dispel recent gloom over the economic prospects for the Crown colony after it is handed back to China in 1997.

In London for a business conference, he expressed his confidence that the foundations had been laid for a "prosperous future" that could, next century, make Hong Kong the "richest city in the world, combining economic freedom and human dignity".

His upbeat message contrasts with recent prophecies of political and economic difficulties after 1997, which have prompted a number of prominent Chinese businessmen in Hong Kong to set up a special organisation to promote the colony's international image.

"A city which is regularly killed off in the headlines is still remarkably sprightly," Mr Patten said, noting that Hong Kong's six million inhabitants produced the equivalent of 26 per cent of the gross domestic product of the whole of China, with its 1.2 billion population.

Big construction projects, such as the international airport, Chep Lap Kok, represented a substantial vote of confidence, even though concerns about the preservation of Hong Kong's way of life and law after 1997 were legitimate, he said.

The return of Hong Kong to Chinese control would be judged a litmus test of Peking's return to the world stage as a big player, he said.

China also had to look to the $25 billion investments Peking has in the colony and the fact that half of China's exports go through Hong Kong.

"Hong Kong represents so much economic momentum, is it really conceivable that it is going to come juddering to a halt 600 days from now? Of course not," Mr Patten said.

Builders want streamlined rules for public sector projects

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S builders are calling on the Government to streamline the approval procedure for privately financed roads, schools and hospitals in a bid to break the "log-jam" they claim is dogging implementation of the Government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

Ministers should establish PFI targets for each government department to speed up the flow of projects, according to submissions sent to Robert Jones, the Minister for Construction and Planning.

The industry also advocates the introduction of a minimum threshold for PFI projects, and says "model" contracts should be drawn up to provide the basis for agreements between companies responsible for the design, finance, construction and operation of projects, and the local authorities and government departments buying their services.

Under Treasury rules, every government and local authority capital investment project now has to be offered to the private sector. Only where industry is unwilling to take on the risk, will government cash be forthcoming.

Although industry supports the initiative, construction companies, now on the second downswing of a double-dip recession, complain that the extra red tape is delaying projects and increasing the rate of job losses and bankruptcies throughout their industry.

"The scale of the PFI, the demands that are being made of the private sector in respect of transfer of risk and the high cost of tendering for PFI projects are beginning to weigh heavily on the industry," according to a joint submission by the Construction Industry Employers' Council, the Construction Industry Council, and the Constructors Liaison Group.

The builders say that where a particular type of project has failed to attract PFI interest, other similar schemes should be exempt from the test. They also argue that increased standardisation of project terms would simplify the bidding procedure and reduce the costs of companies taking part in competing bids.

Heath sale pays for expansion

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

C E HEATH, the insurance broking group, has sold off its 50 per cent shareholding in the Hong Kong joint venture, H H L (Holdings) Ltd, to its joint venture partner, Rollins Hudig Hall Holdings (RHH), for £16 million.

The proceeds will be used to fund the group's future international expansion and Peter Presland, group chief executive, said C E Heath's relationship with R H H would be virtually unchanged. One condition was that the wholesale broking relationship between Heath and H H L should continue for at least the next five years.

"Not only have we received a significant cash consideration but will continue to trade as before with H H L," he said. "We remain committed to developing business in Asia where the name of Heath is well known, and intend to establish Heath Group operations in selected countries along the lines of our highly profitable Latin American offices."

In the year ended December 31, 1994, H H L had net assets of HK$64.4 million (£5.32 million).

Profits double at MY

BY OUR CITY STAFF

M Y HOLDINGS, the specialist paperboard and plastics packaging group, has more than doubled pre-tax profits to £9.1 million from £4.5 million in the year to September 2, helped by a maiden contribution from the PropharmaPak group of companies acquired during the year. Earnings rose to 5.2p a share from 4.49p. There is a final dividend of 1.4p a share, due January 22, making a total of 2p (1.6p). The shares rose 4p to 69p yesterday.

John Monks, chief executive, said the most important feature of the year had been the "unremitting" price increases in all of the group's major raw materials. However, higher demand for M Y's products resulted in fuller use of capacity without increasing overheads.

Dobson rejects increased US offer

BY MARTIN BARROW

DOBSON Park Industries, the mining equipment company, has rejected an increased bid of 125p a share by Harnischfeger Industries, its American rival.

Harnischfeger, whose original offer was worth 110p a share, would also allow Dobson Park shareholders to retain a forecast final dividend of 3.3p per share for the year ended September 30, 1995.

Retention of the final dividend would give the offer a total value of 128.3p per share, valuing the company at £200 million. Yesterday Dobson Park shares eased 1p to 124p.

Dobson Park said it had received a written proposal over the weekend from Harnischfeger, outlining its latest offer, which would be subject to the unanimous recommendation of the board.

"The board concluded that this undervalued Dobson Park and accordingly informed Harnischfeger that such an offer would not receive the recommendation of the board," the company said yesterday. Brokers forecast an offer of 130p to secure control.

Harnischfeger wants to merge its coal cutting equipment subsidiary, Joy Mining Machinery, with Dobson Park's principal subsidiary, Longwall International.

Harnischfeger had been widely expected to increase its bid following Friday's profit forecast by Dobson Park, promising profits of £14.8 million before tax for the year to September 30, and increase of 41 per cent from £10.5 million.

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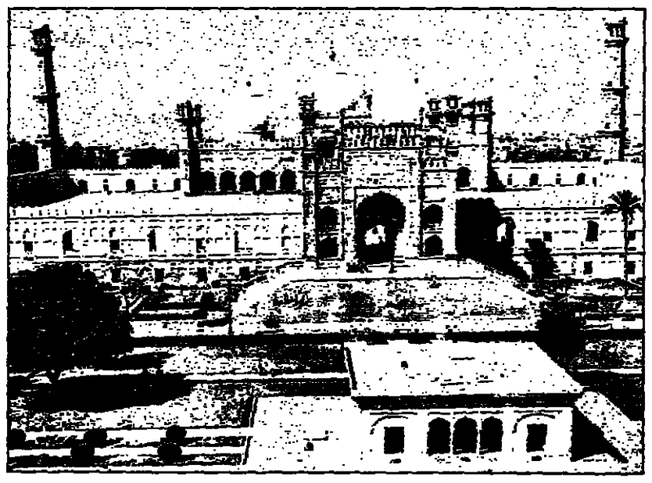
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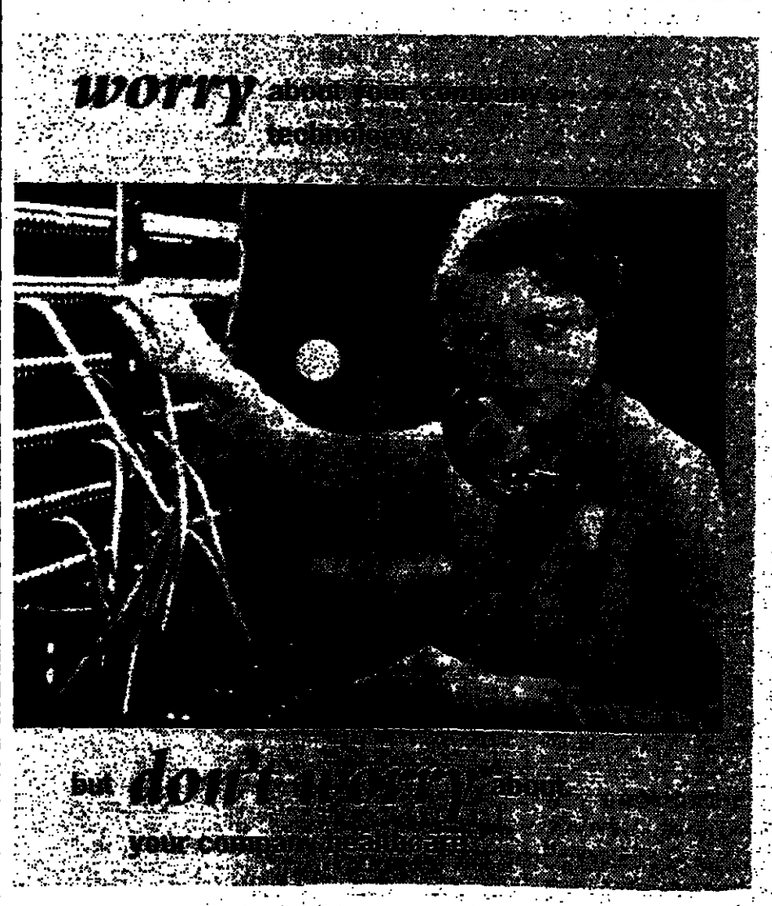
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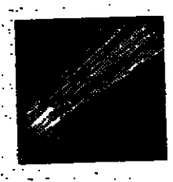
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Federation on warpath over business rates

BY RODNEY HOBSON

A CAMPAIGN for the abolition of the uniform business rate (UBR) has been launched by the Federation of Small Businesses. As an interim measure, the federation has asked the Government not to raise next year's rates in line with inflation and to publicise the right of businesses to ask for rates relief.

Ian Handford, chairman of the federation's national policy group, says: "Business rates are not linked to a business's ability to pay. Whatever the turnover, and whether the business is making a profit or a loss, the rates still have to be paid. It is not a fair system."

The 1990 UBR was 34.8p in the pound. This year it is 43.3p. Each year it has been raised in line with the RPI in September. Based on the current inflation of 3.7 per cent, next year's rate will be 44.9p unless the Government decides to waive the increase. Mr Handford says: "Like houses, business premises have fallen in value, by 25 per cent or more, so rates should fall."

He points out that UBR and the poll tax were both intended to raise £10 billion a year. The council tax on homes now raises £7.5 billion while the UBR raises nearly £13 billion. Mr Handford says the present system discriminates in favour of the out-of-town supermarkets and hypermarkets which pay lower rates per square foot than the small shop in the town centre. Yet town centres struggle against factors beyond their control such as parking restrictions and roadworks.

The federation is encouraging its members to appeal against rateable values, pointing out that there is no penalty even if the business drops the case at the last minute. Any rate rise should be frozen until the case is heard, it argues. That might speed up the appeals procedure, which can take several years.

If the UBR is not abolished, the federation would like to see a banding system similar to that on domestic properties so that only large businesses pay the full rates. The rate-free period for empty properties should be extended from three months, and the 50 per cent rates paid if premises remain empty longer should be cut, it adds.



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Duet for the disabled

Veronica Heath finds a company thriving on meeting special needs for personal transport



VERONICA HEATH

Graham Bell sits in the Duet, a leading model in his range of bicycles made specially for the disabled

A cycle business started eight years ago and based at Coldstream in the Borders should see its turnover top £1 million in the next 12 months.

Cycling has become a growth leisure industry and Graham Bell's company Neatwork caters for the handicapped and disabled.

He said: " According to government figures there are six million people in the UK suffering from a variety of handicaps. I felt there was potential here."

The Borders lend themselves to cycling, with quiet roads and lovely scenery. Mr Bell had gained essential all-round business experience by training as a company secretary and his partner, Nancy, had been a director of a cycle shop in London.

Mr Bell said: "We could not have set up in a city. We needed the open road to show the potential and true value of our machines for handicapped riders." The Bells invested £10,000 from the sale of their London house in setting up premises and a further £30,000 went into establishing the company. A frontrunner for the business is a design called Duet, which is a partnership between wheelchair and cycle technology comprising a lightweight detachable chair.

It is adaptable for many posture needs. The machine sells at £2,000. Mr Bell spotted the original design for the Duet in Germany.

There are other cycle designs manufactured at Neatwork for the handicapped, including a recumbent suitable for arthritis sufferers and people with back trouble. This year, Neatwork's stand at the Mobility Roadshow held at Crowthorne, Berkshire, was honoured by a visit from the Queen. This is the largest exhibition for special needs transport in the UK. Mr Bell said: "We got an export order from Spain and expect to follow that up with some good business with major accounts."

"Successful small businesses today need to look at niche marketing," said Mr Bell. "Our attempt has been to arm-wrestle the bike trade into looking at innovative design as a significant step forward. Any trade which ignores the six million disabled is virtually scrubbing out 10 per cent of the population."

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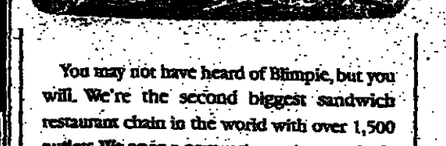
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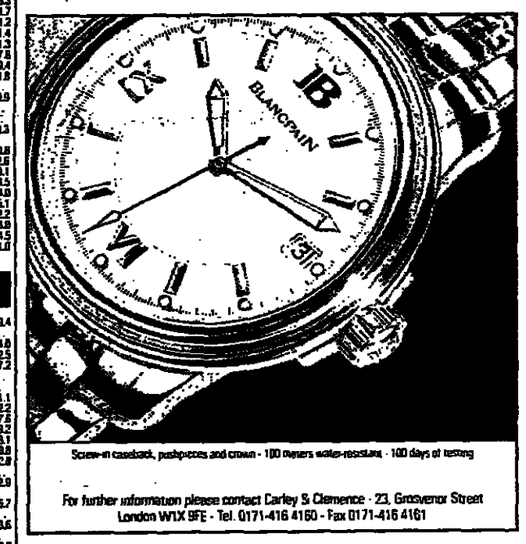
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UK Growth Inc	268.70	285.90†	-4.00	2.91
Higher Inc Acc	747.00	794.70†	-8.10	4.13
Higher Inc Inc	415.90	442.50†	-4.50	4.13
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	197.00	208.10†	-0.80	5.82
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	90.59	95.68†	-0.40	5.82
Nth American	323.70	343.90†	-3.40	...
Europe	305.30	324.80†	-2.90	0.99
Brit Excell	80.80	85.75	-1.22	2.95
Brit Fndmtls Acc	109.20	116.20†	-1.00	4.78
Brit Fndmtls Inc	76.46	81.35†	-0.66	4.78
Global Opps	92.89	98.85	-0.79	0.30
Balanced Acc	58.23	61.95†	-0.54	3.00
Balanced Inc	55.72	59.28†	-0.52	3.00
Japan Acc	44.63	47.48†	+0.20	..
Pac Basin Acc	370.50	394.20†	-2.50	0.95
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.10	134.90†	-0.89	7.41
High Inc Equity	174.50	185.60†	-1.80	4.22
Worldwide Bond	286.20	303.40	+0.20	4.61
Capital Growth				
American Growth	324.20	346.80	-5.40	0.53
Asian Pacific	315.00	335.10	-2.00	..
Assets & Earnings	292.10	310.70	-2.00	2.71
Commdty & Energy	101.70	108.80	-1.50	0.12
Euro Capital Inc	144.00	154.00	-1.40	0.63
-do- Accum	154.50	165.20	-1.40	0.62
General	260.00	276.60	-2.80	3.01
Japan	116.70	124.80	+0.20	..
Mastertrust	148.60	158.90	-1.10	1.52
US Emerging Cos	167.40	178.10	-1.50	..
Income & Growth	427.10	454.40	-5.40	3.00
Ethical	72.53	77.16	-0.18	2.62
International	121.10	128.80	-0.80	0.76
Dividend & Growth	65.47	69.65	-0.66	4.03
Global Gwth & Gen	69.51	74.20	+0.04	2.86
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1977.00	2052.00		..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	51.11	53.08†	-0.48	0.58
Cash	50.33	50.33†	+0.02	5.81
Emerging Mkts	67.72	71.77	-0.25	0.05
European	128.10	132.40	-2.10	
Exempt	1007.70	1083.60†	-1.70	1.72
Extra Income #	48.61	52.06†	-0.17	6.53
Far East Emg Eco	115.60	122.70	-0.50	0.51
Fixed Interest #	23.30	24.46	+0.01	9.60
Fund Inv Tst	163.20	171.70†	-0.30	9.06
Japan	181.10	189.80	-0.10	..
Latin American	49.28	51.72	-0.01	0.94
Pacific	78.00	82.49	-0.12	0.32
Property Share	61.02	64.06	-0.25	2.74
UK Emerging Cos	69.69	73.15	-0.09	1.69
UK Growth	47.59	50.40†	-0.54	2.33
Aber World Port #	77.46	78.93	-0.81	2.88
Ethical	70.70	74.21	-0.39	2.37
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.14	50.14†	-0.16	7.49
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	93.51	99.48†	-0.14	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5886				
Resid Property	97.02	104.00		5.28
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	80.43	85.34†	-0.56	2.40
Income Builder Inc	73.99	78.71	-0.73	2.76
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	251.00	268.30†	-1.40	2.91
Capital	447.60	478.40†	-2.00	1.73
Balanced	743.90	795.20	-4.00	2.50
Accumulator	1395.00	1491.00†	-7.80	2.72
Income Trusts				
American Income	53.66	57.36	-0.46	3.10
High Income	415.20	443.80†	-2.90	3.48
Equity Income	233.60	249.70	-1.30	3.34
High Yield	251.80	269.10†	-1.40	3.23
Govt Securities	32.88	34.68†	-0.21	6.11
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	174.80	186.80†	-1.30	0.37
European Growth	41.16	43.85	-0.51	0.01
International	171.70	183.30	-1.40	0.18
Japan	192.50	204.80	+0.20	0.01
Pacific	385.60	412.20	-1.50	0.01
Secs of America	496.20	528.30†	-5.90	0.44
Wrlde Asset Val	51.02	54.54	-0.41	0.22
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	564.40	603.30	-3.70	2.12
Cmdy & Gen	44.87	47.11	-0.25	4.92
Smaller Cos	189.10	202.10†	-0.19	1.19
2nd Smaller Cos	178.80	191.10†		1.27
Recovery	151.50	161.90†	-1.10	1.62
Met Min & Cdty	152.10	162.50†	-2.10	0.73
Oseas Earnings	378.50	404.60	-1.90	1.67
Technology	204.30	218.30†	-2.50	0.01
UK Special Sits	509.20	544.30†	-2.90	1.59
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	108.00	112.20		3.04
Foundtn Pers Pens	65.56	68.08	..	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	74.55	79.31	-1.08	1.83
International	66.86	70.08		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	286.70	307.40†	-1.30	..
Bond	113.50	119.40†	-1.10	7.01
Brit Smlr Cos	111.70	118.80	-0.30	1.67
Com & Gen #	69.17	73.59	-0.14	5.34
Europe	230.20	244.90	-2.30	0.65
Euro Smlr Cos	105.40	112.50	-0.80	0.62
Income Gwth	368.00	391.50†	-1.20	3.94
Japan	313.50	333.40†	+1.20	
Latin American	68.25	72.61	-0.54	
Pacific	105.40	112.10	-0.40	1.26
UK Smlr Cos	59.32	63.11	-0.21	1.27
Japan Fd	664.80	685.70	+9.60	
Mngd Fd	184.40	195.90	-1.40	3.04
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	325.30	342.30		0.84
Capital Gwth	119.60	125.90		2.60
Wrlde Opps	198.30	208.70		0.96
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	368.10	384.50†	-5.30	2.71
European Bd Inc	92.87	96.15	+0.05	6.37
Exempt	75.31	80.33†	-0.90	4.42
Financial	88.17	94.30	-1.65	2.62
500	468.40	506.40	-1.10	2.61
General	286.90	307.20†	-3.50	2.62
Property	243.80	261.50		6.57
Trustee	203.00	216.50	-3.30	2.33
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	+0.10	6.01
Extra Income #	125.60	134.40†	-1.30	5.01
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.21	59.13	-0.19	8.44
Income	549.90	588.20	-6.30	3.86
Income Builder #	65.05	69.29	-0.77	5.65
Intl Income	65.42	69.60	-0.48	3.27
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	127.40	135.90	-1.80	2.25
Leisure	143.60	153.50	-1.10	1.55
Recovery	439.70	470.20	-4.60	2.70
Smlr Cos Inc	47.78	51.24	+0.07	2.24
Special Sits	326.10	348.80	-4.60	1.48
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	149.20	158.80	-1.60	0.30
Aust Acc	249.60	267.60	-4.90	2.23
Aust Inc	152.29	163.40	-2.90	2.23
Euro Gwth Inc	161.90	171.00	-1.70	0.77
-do- Accum	173.90	184.70	-1.80	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	160.20	169.60	+0.60	
-do- Accum	162.10	171.60	+0.70	
Japan Spec Sits	73.73	78.11	+0.44	
New Tech Inc	33.27	35.14	-0.66	0.08
Worldwide	175.40	186.20	-1.30	0.84
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	107.20	113.40	-1.60	
Amer Smlr Cos	149.90	160.20	-3.00	
Convertibles	52.89	56.77†	-0.70	5.70
Eastern	285.60	308.60	-1.90	0.32
Equity Income	87.24	93.48†	-2.08	4.10
European Growth	310.80	329.50	-4.80	0.80
Europe	260.50	276.70	-1.00	0.20
German Growth	80.18	84.95	-1.25	0.50
Global Bond	65.55	69.99	-0.54	6.50
Global Growth	134.80	143.70	-1.00	
Japan Growth	198.80	210.90	+1.20	
Japan Smaller	149.60	159.00	-0.60	
Korea Trust	79.26	86.75	-1.59	
Portfolio	135.50	145.41	-1.30	2.30
-do- Accum	252.40	270.20	-2.60	2.30
UK Growth	86.14	92.29	-1.17	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	85.95	91.38†	-0.33	1.90
Select Manager	80.09	85.84	-0.62	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	81.20	86.35		
Special Opps Inc	55.99	59.56		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6028				
Balanced Growth	119.20	126.14†	-1.57	1.48
-do- Accum	136.79	144.33	-1.79	1.48
Smaller Cos	122.99	128.03	-0.36	3.88
Higher Yield #	48.98	51.83†	-0.55	4.29
American Gth Inc	80.53	85.22	-1.14	
European Growth	147.50	156.08†	-1.69	3.52
-do- Accum	150.41	159.16	-1.71	0.52
Global Spec Inc #	27.74	28.12	-0.02	7.37
Mngd Pfolio Inc	45.56	48.19†	-0.31	1.46
-do- Accum	46.73	49.45	-0.32	1.46
Intl Spec Opps	130.27	137.86	-0.54	
Pacific Gth	131.35	139.63	-0.80	0.31
UK General #	83.34	88.83	-0.02	3.79
-do- Accum #	87.44	92.53	-0.02	3.79
Japan	58.71	62.12	-0.45	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.61	101.15	-0.44	8.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	65.92	66.77	-0.15	6.37
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	169.50	180.40	-1.20	1.67
UK Growth	183.10	194.80	-2.70	2.17
UK Income	137.50	146.30†	-1.40	4.44
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	208.30	229.80†	-2.70	1.79
-do- Income Dist	112.50	119.70	-1.20	4.18
-do- Accum	355.70	377.10	-3.70	4.18
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.07	42.47	-0.22	6.40
Growth Units	220.80	235.30	-1.30	2.15
Bond	170.20	179.60	-0.60	6.55
Intl Growth	222.23	236.40	-1.50	0.46
North American	214.70	228.70	-1.80	0.33
Far East	273.40	290.80	-1.70	1.10
UK Smaller Cos	198.40	210.10		1.54
European	86.23	92.31	-0.96	0.71
Japanese Growth	45.48	48.34	+0.12	
High Income	199.30	213.20†	-2.60	4.05
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	176.50	187.90†	-3.00	
European Inc	82.28	87.12	-1.08	1.22
Smaller Cos (4-1)	89.60	95.32†	-2.45	1.67
Growth	466.20	496.00	-7.30	1.39
Income & Growth #	423.40	456.90	-5.20	3.94
-do- Accum #	625.40	665.40	-7.50	3.94
Japan & Gen	66.29	70.41	+0.24	
Master Portfolio	£105.87	£109.42†	-101.00	2.34
-do- Accum	£128.36	£132.67	-123.00	2.34
Special Sits	109.70	116.80	-0.90	1.97
High Yield	£14.06	£14.50	-14.00	4.35
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	91.10	97.33	..	2.63
American Portfolio	105.59	112.43	..	1.00
European Portfolio	111.87	119.42†	..	0.59
High Income	50.45	53.53	..	6.80
Japanese Portfolio	85.18	89.33†	+0.17	...
Pacific Portfolio	141.64	152.31	-0.62	1.45
UK Inc & Growth	83.71	89.74†		3.03
Utility & Bond	56.43	59.06	...	6.50
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	710.80	721.87	..	4.43
Fxd Int Sec	152.75	153.37		8.39
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	703.60	714.24	..	4.47
Investment Acc	£30.96	£31.45	...	
Fixed Int Inc	123.55	124.05	..	8.27
Fixed Int Acc	205.62	206.44		..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 637 7667				
Intl Growth	117.92	130.36		
UK Income	119.27	120.24		6.28
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	85.98	90.73†		2.68
Beck Bio-Tech	37.70	41.46		
Acorn Ethical Tst	164.61	172.86		8.74
City Fin Assets	73.77	77.47†	-0.21	1.77
City Fin America	95.98	100.60		...
City Fin Intl	83.51	87.68†	..	1.36
City Fin Japan	145.83	153.15		
Friars Hse Cap	278.52	301.18	-6.22	2.42
Friars Hse Inc	193.25	208.40	-1.71	4.03
Buckley Wrld Grth	130.92	138.77†		
Falmouth Cap Gth	141.89	151.53		
Falmouth Intl	151.59	162.35		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	55.28	58.05		2.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	55.96	59.37	-0.12	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	72.00	77.01	-1.10	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.97	42.18	-0.37	0.55
Dragon Growth	66.73	71.36	-0.44	0.95
Equity High Inc	86.05	92.24	-0.79	4.15
-do- Accum	119.47	128.06	-1.10	4.15
Extra Income Inc	25.67	27.02†	-0.11	7.79
Extra Income Acc	26.71	28.12	-0.11	7.79
European Gwth	54.19	57.95	-0.70	1.32
Evergreen	27.54	29.45	-0.33	..
General Equity	90.80	98.44	-1.31	3.01
Japan Growth	48.98	52.36	+0.12	
Pedigree Gwth	54.89	58.92	-0.60	2.89
Pnd Str Cos Inc	32.87	34.97	+0.05	1.64
-do- Accum	34.39	36.59	+0.05	1.64
Retirement Inc #	26.57	28.27	-0.23	5.73
Special Sits	41.13	43.75	-0.27	2.24
UK & Overseas	52.09	55.41	-0.51	1.24
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	72.65	77.77	-0.99	2.01
Balanced	62.77	66.33	-0.76	4.24
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	165.93	176.52†	-2.14	4.98
Fixed & Convertible	39.18	41.68†	-0.18	6.99
Monthly Inc Plus	48.02	51.08†	-0.17	8.77
Preference Share	45.20	48.08†	-0.08	8.13
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.42	133.43†	-1.34	6.09
Managed Fund	70.56	75.06†	-0.74	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.63	45.35	-0.10	1.79
-do- Accum	49.62	52.79	-0.12	1.79
UK & General	85.60	91.06†	-1.18	2.79
-do- Accum	109.84	116.85†	-1.52	2.79
UK Growth	158.84	168.98	-2.24	2.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	187.73	199.71	-2.93	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	127.08	135.19	-0.53	..
Global Bond	81.24	86.31†	+0.01	6.20
Japan Growth	114.11	121.39	+0.06	
North Amer Gth	193.77	206.14	-2.29	..
Oriental Growth	77.09	82.00	-0.47	0.07
Worldwide Growth	67.25	71.55†	-0.63	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.69	91.69†	+0.03	6.11
Homebuyer Fund	84.50	89.89	-1.06	1.66
Quilter Fund	140.59	149.56	-1.94	2.04
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.81	35.05		3.40
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	168.20	178.90†	-0.50	1.39
Income	72.11	76.72	-0.25	5.55
European	62.62	67.69	-0.45	1.16
Recovery	167.80	178.50	-0.80	2.02
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	897.69	912.20		3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.51	95.22†	-0.27	1.57
Income #	257.00	273.00	-2.70	4.32
-do- Accum #	658.70	700.70	-7.10	4.32
Smaller Cos	194.60	206.30	-0.20	1.00
-do- Accum	238.70	253.90	-0.30	1.00
Inv Portfolio	87.71	93.37	-1.84	1.60
High Inc Port #	75.36	80.17	-0.79	4.45
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1562.70	1611.80		
Japan Small Cos	1082.70	1104.30		
UK Small Cos	1929.70	2010.80		..
US Small Cos	1883.50	1922.30		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.00	231.60		2.65
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Growth	288.70	304.80	-3.40	0.69
New Asia	216.00	230.40†	-0.80	0.15
Japan Growth	110.70	117.60†	+0.19	
Jap Smlr Co	437.80	464.30	+1.60	
Nth Amer	323.50	342.30	-2.10	0.65
UK Inc & Gth	224.50	239.70†	-3.00	2.78
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	152.30	162.00	-2.30	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	161.20	171.40	-2.20	4.20
-do- Accum	210.30	223.70	-3.00	4.20
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.12	61.62	-0.37	5.09
Emerald Opps	93.04	98.97	-0.78	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	59.71	63.52	-0.13	0.01
Extra Income Inc	47.17	50.00	..	15.60
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	141.00	150.40	-1.50	1.15
Convertibles #	21.12	22.44†	-0.10	6.24
Equity Income #	132.40	140.70†	-1.50	3.77
Eurofund	50.06	53.04	-0.27	0.38
Financial	47.96	50.96†	-0.64	1.47
Growth & Inc #	254.90	270.70	-2.30	3.84
High Dist #	165.40	175.70	-1.50	4.27
International	395.60	420.30	-1.70	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	95.53	102.00†	-0.60	2.70
Latin American	35.37	38.02	-0.15	
Pacific	78.46	83.36†	-0.51	
Pref High Inc	21.09	22.41†	-0.08	7.36
Tokyo	216.96	230.10†	+1.10	
UK Smaller Cos	256.50	270.90		1.02
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Eqs	95.52	101.73	-0.39	1.54
Growth Acc	35.35	38.42	-0.10	0.40
Income	581.47	619.31	-9.11	5.39
Intl & General	414.58	432.55	+1.30	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7251				
Endurance Fd	212.90	226.50†		1.02
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 430				
European	82.84	87.29	-1.22	2.05
Ethical Tst	44.21	46.62	-0.39	1.33
Far Eastern	294.31	310.43	-0.90	1.84
High Income	136.02	143.18	-0.79	4.79
Intl Growth	121.53	128.35	-0.61	0.59
North American	127.56	134.27†	-1.58	1.60
Pelican	124.89	131.46†	-0.75	3.36
Smaller Cos	66.98	70.51	-0.08	2.65
Special Sits	82.72	93.39†	-0.62	2.77
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.75	200.76	-1.13	1.37
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	195.51	207.99†	-0.34	1.25
Smaller Cos Acc	345.50	363.06†	-0.62	1.25
Recovery	49.15	52.50	-0.12	1.87
Recovery Acc	50.25	53.46	-0.12	1.87
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.21	93.54†	-0.20	
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.89	49.82	-0.15	0.52
High Income #	40.74	43.86†	-0.63	10.54
Warrant	51.92	56.43†	-0.12	
Zero Preference	41.40	43.93	+0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	82.25	87.49†	-0.72	3.08
Family Income Tst	44.37	44.37†	-0.36	6.85
Family Trust	90.51	96.28†	-0.26	2.01
Unicorn Charities	266.40	283.40†	-1.80	4.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.10
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	37.37	37.35†	-0.10	7.31
Intl Bond	29.33	30.46†	-0.06	5.51
Income Funds				
High Income	24.62	25.96†	-0.16	5.56
Income Plus	116.50	124.30	-1.30	4.26
Amer Eq Inc	53.82	57.04	-0.49	1.55
European Income	44.48	47.30	-0.42	2.43
Far East Inc	66.15	70.31	+0.15	2.34
Global Convertible	25.21	26.42†	-0.04	2.74
UK Div Gth	27.15	28.97	-0.26	2.24
Growth Funds				
ASEAN	61.41	65.51†	-0.23	...
American	280.60	297.40	-4.20	..
Amer Spec Sits	153.30	163.20	-1.50	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.41	37.73	-0.06	..
European	193.80	206.10†	-1.50	
European Opps	68.78	73.14	-0.33	
Global Pro	27.39	29.13	-0.36	
UK Growth	163.20	179.90	-0.80	
Growth & Inc	155.00	164.90	-1.70	2.94
Intl PEP	41.50	44.13	-0.40	
Japan Spec Sits	84.13	89.58	+0.01	
Japan	181.70	193.20	-0.40	
Managed Intl	311.20	330.60	-2.80	
Moneybuilder	58.23	61.92	-0.38	
Recovery	49.97	53.14	-0.29	
South East Asia	163.50	174.50†	-1.00	
Special Sits	505.60	532.70	-3.80	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.48	111.48	+0.04	6.10
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	140.60	143.30†		2.28
Inc Pfolio #	88.63	90.51	-0.86	3.62
Cap Pfolio	149.60	152.10	-1.40	1.49
General Opps	129.60	130.20		3.57
Growth Inc	32.62	33.52	-0.25	1.17
Private Portfolio	439.60	448.60†		1.64
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Eurotrust	119.60	126.70	-1.60	0.62
Emrg Asian	153.30	164.00†	-1.70	
Hi Inc Pr	20.81	22.13†	-0.19	10.17
UK Growth	114.10	122.50	-1.30	2.50
UK Income	106.30	113.50	-1.50	4.39
US Smaller Cos	359.90	390.00†	-3.90	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.69	80.64†	-0.13	4.22
Investment Trust	96.17	103.23†	-0.19	
UK Smaller Cos	93.54	98.35	-0.10	0.97
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	67.99	72.54	-0.61	..
-do- Accum	67.99	72.54	-0.61	..
Amer Smlr Cos	583.20	623.70	-5.60	..
-do- Accum	595.80	637.20	-5.70	
Capital Tst	332.40	353.50†	-0.50	1.67
-do- Accum	482.80	513.50†	-0.70	1.67
Conti Smlr Cos	59.81	63.77	-0.31	0.79
-do- Accum	63.11	67.29	-0.33	0.79
Convertible	131.10	139.40	-0.50	5.43
-do- Accum	270.20	287.40	-1.10	5.43
Emerging Markets	65.51	69.98	-0.34	..
-do- Accum	65.56	70.04	-0.35	..
European	124.10	131.50	-2.20	0.59
-do- Accum	130.50	138.30	-2.20	0.59
Extra Income	268.00	282.70	-3.10	3.85
-do- Accum	548.70	584.80	-4.70	3.85
Financial	141.20	151.20†	-1.00	0.50
-do- Accum	149.50	160.10†	-1.00	0.50
Gilt Trust	60.68	62.58†	-0.06	6.40
-do- Accum	89.26	92.15†	-0.08	6.40
Health Fund Inc	189.40	202.20	-0.60	..
-do- Accum	189.40	202.20	-0.60	..
Income & Growth	206.60	219.80	-2.30	3.64
-do- Accum	316.80	337.00	-3.60	3.64
Intl Growth	393.20	419.60†	-2.80	..
-do- Accum	436.70	465.00†	-2.80	..
Japan & Gen	178.30	189.90	+0.30	
-do- Accum	180.10	191.80	+0.30	
Monthly Inc	177.10	188.30†	-0.90	3.83
Managed Port Inc	111.20	117.10†	-0.90	3.83
-do- Accum	119.40	125.70	-1.00	2.05
Quarterly Income	53.69	56.92	-0.43	4.53
-do- Accum	58.32	62.53	-0.46	4.53
Recovery	349.00	373.10	-3.50	0.10
-do- Accum	412.00	440.50	-4.10	0.10
UK Growth	58.44	62.52	-0.78	2.53
-do- Accum	61.34	65.26	-0.81	2.53
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	51.53	54.81	-0.49	0.55
FP Am Smlr Cos	151.30	161.60	-1.00	..
FP Asian Growth	257.60	275.50	-1.00	
FP Australian	338.60	363.50	-4.70	
FP Equity Dist	407.50	433.50	-5.60	2.67
-do- Accum	872.70	928.40	-12.10	2.67
FP Euro Gth	230.50	245.20†	-2.50	0.30
-do- Accum	250.80	266.50†	-2.70	0.30
FP Intl Bond	59.28	62.73	-0.04	4.74
FP Intl Gth Dist	34.86	36.37	-0.23	0.51
-do- Accum	49.42	52.74	-0.34	0.51
FP Pac Basin Acc	205.00	219.10†	-0.50	...
FP Income	56.05	59.78	-0.70	4.56
-do- Accum	184.90	197.20	-2.30	4.58
FP Jap Smlr Cos	301.00	321.00	+6.20	
FP Monthly Dist	71.74	75.58†	-0.55	5.66
FP Stg Deposit	100.30	100.30†		6.25
FP Tokyo	80.26	85.61	+0.49	
FP UK Focus	37.12	38.91†	-0.41	2.76
FP UK Growth	179.90	191.80	-2.60	2.27
-do- Accum	353.20	376.70	-5.00	2.77
Stewardship Dist	365.50	388.80	-0.70	1.88
-do- Accum	451.40	480.20	-0.80	1.88
Stwdship Inc Dist	74.73	79.52	-0.05	3.65
-do- Accum	98.61	104.90	-0.10	3.65
N Am Stshp Dist	110.40	117.40	-1.40	0.87
-do- Accum	117.90	125.40	-1.50	0.87
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	114.20	121.40	-0.10	1.10
Opps Cap Gth Acc	118.70	126.20	-0.00	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc	110.00	117.00	-0.10	2.20
Cap Gth Inc Acc	113.90	121.10	..	2.20
Opp Ca Gth Ic Ic	115.10	122.40	-0.10	3.28
Opp Ca Gth Ic Ac	119.50	127.10	-0.10	3.28
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 166/7				
GANDA	258.50	273.30	-3.40	2.26
Cash	49.78	50.50	+0.02	5.27
Growth Portfolio	79.98	84.76	-0.38	0.97
Income Portfolio	65.11	68.86	-0.69	4.47
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	211.00	225.70	-2.00	1.50
Dividend	91.72	98.10	-1.85	3.82
Intl Gth & Inc	231.10	247.20	-3.70	3.11
UK & Gen	47.05	50.32	-0.82	2.09
Fund of Funds	68.10	72.83†	-0.08	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	209.50	224.10	-0.10	
European	615.30	657.40	-12.00	0.29
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	48.87	52.85†	-0.04	5.14
-do- Accum	54.06	57.52	-0.04	5.14
Far East & Gen	256.00	273.80	-1.10	
Germany	122.40	129.50†	-0.90	
High Yield #	48.24	51.00	-0.45	8.33
-do- Accum #	49.86	52.71	-0.47	8.33
Income Inc	165.50	177.00	-1.70	4.44
-do- Accum	182.80	195.30	-1.80	4.44
International	342.70	366.60	-3.70	
Intl Income	86.75	91.93	-0.45	3.32
Japan & General	419.70	446.90	-0.60	
Korean Securities	70.58	75.49	-2.63	
Orient Acc	136.90	146.50	-0.90	0.23
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.79	48.97	-0.14	4.12
-do- Accum	50.57	54.09	-0.14	4.12
UK Capital Inc	178.20	190.60	-2.30	0.99
UK Capital Acc	314.10	336.00	-3.90	0.99
UK Spec Sits	91.79	98.18†	-0.33	1.32
US & General	162.60	172.80	-2.30	..
Wrlde Spec Sits	149.60	159.60	-1.30	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.85	57.57	-0.79	1.84
Cash Trust	140.49	140.49	+0.06	6.01
Practical Inv Inc #	116.45	124.55†	-0.92	2.75
-do- Accum #	273.30	292.30†	-2.14	2.75
UK Index	161.03	161.84†	-2.07	2.97
UK Smaller Cos	143.66	153.63†	-0.22	0.80
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	23.54	24.39†	-0.11	8.57
High Income	33.68	36.02	-0.25	5.25
UK Equity Income	144.68	154.75	-1.22	3.82
Global Bond	29.77	30.84†	-0.06	6.12
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.16	47.23	-0.29	
Global Managed	137.16	145.99†	-0.90	1.51
Gold & Intl Res	99.04	105.93	-1.08	
Global Utilities	138.56	147.97	-1.06	1.47
Overseas Funds				
American	170.24	181.42	-1.54	0.68
European	113.00	119.87	-1.56	0.98
Euro Sel Opps	169.70	180.14	-2.03	
Amer Emerging	136.78	145.83	-0.84	
Hong Kong	145.41	155.56	-0.90	1.85
Japan	239.96	248.29	+0.18	..
Pacific Growth	212.68	227.47	-1.94	..
Gartmore Persons Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	229.98	229.98†	-2.43	2.13
Long Term Bal	250.75	250.75†	-2.16	3.13
Med Term Bal	209.99	209.99†	-1.59	3.31
UK Equity	264.12	264.12	-2.91	2.52
UK Emerging Cos	155.64	155.64	-0.12	2.02
American	274.03	274.03†	-2.31	1.14
Japan	121.44	121.44†	-0.12	
European	294.83	294.83†	-4.40	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	175.73	175.73	-0.93	2.75
Fixed Interest	161.56	161.56	-1.48	6.64
Amer Emerges	328.18	328.18†	-2.63	
Pacific	238.04	238.04	-1.40	0.74
Emerging Mkts	118.86	118.86	-0.57	0.74
Index Strat Japan	146.31	146.31	+0.27	[illegible]
-do- Pacific Rim	194.40	194.40	-1.96	1.42
-do- Cont Europe	162.39	162.39	-2.16	2.53
Index Strat USA	159.77	159.77	-1.51	1.92
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	108.38	115.30	-1.22	
Med Term Bal	99.87	106.24	-0.21	
Long Term Bal	112.69	119.89	-1.03	
UK Equity	122.22	130.02	-1.42	
UK Emerging Cos	72.96	77.62	-0.06	
American	126.88	134.98	-1.14	
Japan	58.17	61.89	-0.36	
European	122.56	130.38	-1.85	
Fixed Interest	82.32	87.58	-0.30	
Index Linked Gilt	78.06	83.05	-0.44	
Deposit	83.14	88.44	+0.03	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BSRH Intl	149.03	156.87†	-0.21	0.54
Brcldt Gilt Port Inc	67.60	71.25†	+0.13	3.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.07	62.34†	-0.07	3.45
-do- Wwide Port	97.25	98.40	-0.14	[illegible]
Shaw Utilities	66.87	70.57	-0.27	3.55
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	588.56	626.13		...
-do- Accum	654.60	696.33		...
European Inc	158.21	168.72		...
Amalgam Inc	150.79	159.72		
N America Inc	347.57	369.75		[illegible]
Far East Inc	365.10	388.41		
-do- Accum	378.14	402.26		
UP Dvnd Inc	184.49	196.27		1.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	97.64	104.63†	-1.48	4.50
UK Small Cos	56.99	60.51†	-0.22	0.34
British Growth	61.76	66.05	-0.65	0.73
American Gwth	221.31	236.69	-3.16	
Japan Gwth	65.95	70.43	+0.20	
Greater China	187.81	194.44	-1.50	5.41
Pacific Strategy	151.21	161.71	-2.95	[illegible]
European Gwth	93.45	99.57†	-0.75	0.74
Intl Growth	158.29	169.27	[illegible]	
US Index (f)	15.6810	16.5224	[illegible]	4.61
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.48	87.13	-0.35	2.34
Monthly Income	40.37	43.04†	-0.22	8.30
MIG Unit Trust Dealing 0171 865 0033				
Gilt UP Index (f)	12.4567	13.1507	-0.1225	4.30
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.95	101.76		1.56
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9668				
European	513.20	546.20	-1.90	[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed	126.00	131.70	-0.80	[illegible]
Growth Equity	371.50	396.90	-4.10	[illegible]
Income Trust	143.45	152.20	-2.20	[illegible]
International	192.70	205.80†	-1.50	[illegible]
Japan Trust	124.50	133.00	-0.50	
Nth American	310.50	331.70†	-3.10	
Pacific	542.90	580.60	-2.30	[illegible]
Guardsafe	558.10	596.20	-6.20	[illegible]
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Tract	105.29	108.36	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global High Inc	100.99	104.86	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corporate Bond	101.96	106.03†	-0.32	[illegible]
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.95	113.[illegible]	-0.54	4.23
European Growth	128.81	135.63	[illegible]	
Intl PEP Trust	63.66	67.71	-1.36	
Equity Inc	128.52	136.85	-1.71	[illegible]
-do- Accum	180.59	192.01	-2.44	[illegible]
Recovery	349.80	382.66†	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	421.90	448.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Mrs High Inc	124.91	126.78	-4.75	[illegible]
UK Emrg Cos	268.20	281.13	-2.90	[illegible]
UK Smlr Cos	373.30	395.60	-6.30	[illegible]
Glob Pro Tst	93.11	99.64†	-1.38	[illegible]
-do- Accum	95.58	101.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inc Stare Tst	90.11	95.62	-0.76	[illegible]
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	28.87	30.61	-0.22	1.91
Growth Acc	29.24	31.35	-0.24	1.91
Income	29.54	30.79†	-0.24	3.90
Income Acc	29.76	31.53	-0.25	3.90
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	214.60	227.50	-2.20	2.52
Smaller Cos	33.57	35.50	-0.28	[illegible]
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 253 300 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	330.22	353.32	-1.45	1.42
Best of British	66.79	70.99	-0.93	2.74
UK Smaller Cos	136.93	147.19	-0.34	[illegible]
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	289.20	309.37	-2.92	[illegible]
-do- Accum #	790.50	845.55	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	326.61	349.41	-2.25	4.21
Extra Income #	284.89	302.98†	-2.25	[illegible]
Pref & Bond	46.93	48.40†	-0.28	8.52
International				
International	258.42	275.09†	-2.75	0.32
Global Bond	54.82	57.98†	-0.28	6.09
Intl Port Tst	88.71	95.93	-0.22	0.61
Global Tech	230.66	248.37	-2.91	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	177.23	189.52	-1.28	[illegible]
European	516.86	549.91	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Income #	82.78	87.59	-0.42	[illegible]
Euro Smlr Cos	163.26	175.19†	-1.33	0.65
Eur Sp Sits	77.17	82.35†	-0.72	1.04
-do- Accum	82.86	88.21	-0.77	1.04
Japan Trust	212.91	227.14	-1.23	..
Japan Special Sits	210.68	224.82†	-0.59	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	229.17	245.71†	-1.13	..
North American	267.16	283.72	-2.80	0.26
American Smaller	133.05	142.25†	-0.78	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	108.03	115.13	-1.33	1.86
Capital	185.10	193.82	-2.22	1.41
Dollar	424.63	444.64†	-4.66	..
Enterprise Gth	363.62	388.76	-2.43	1.35
European	240.71	252.05	-4.18	0.43
Far East	309.17	323.74	-2.21	..
Financial	907.75	950.53†	-15.38	1.73
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.29	26.31†	-0.10	7.63
High Yield	106.60	111.72	-1.29	3.79
Income & Growth	152.92	160.12	-2.19	3.05
International	272.69	285.63	-2.51	..
Japanese General	206.37	216.09	+0.95	...
Japan Tech	91.01	95.30	+0.44	
Nat Resources	74.25	77.75†	-0.71	
Portfolio	78.07	81.73†	-0.44	1.28
Smaller Cos	141.95	148.64†	-0.28	1.19
Special Sits	170.47	178.50	-1.35	1.15
UK Emerging Cos	103.18	108.02	+0.01	0.67
US Smaller Cos	117.78	123.33	-0.67	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	106.20	113.30†	-1.30	5.94
Capital	841.40	894.50†	-9.80	2.25
Income #	601.00	641.40	-6.70	5.22
Footsie Fund	56.18	58.47	-1.44	2.82
Tribune Index	113.70	121.30	-0.60	2.87
UK Index	149.40	159.40	-2.10	2.90
International Funds				
American Growth	537.70	571.90	-5.00	0.37
American Index	239.50	254.20	-2.20	1.33
European Growth	118.20	126.10	-1.60	0.17
Eurotrack 100	170.00	180.60	-2.80	1.07
Global Bond	22.41	23.65	-0.07	5.24
Japan Growth	279.10	297.70†	+0.40	..
Japan Index	77.49	82.70	+0.03	0.20
Japan Smlr Cos	30.98	33.07		
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.01	62.98	-0.25	0.19
Hong Kong Gwth	113.50	121.10	-0.80	1.31
Spore & Mlysa Gth	74.11	79.08	-0.07	..
Tiger Index	197.20	210.50†	-4.00	1.07
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	37.99	39.48	+0.02	1.06
General Funds				
Managed	78.46	81.56	-0.74	1.15
Rupert Child Fnd	93.47	95.08	-1.24	1.32
UK Growth	64.52	67.07	-0.79	2.30
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	82.57	85.83	-0.92	6.72
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.28	27.12†	-0.11	8.41
UK Inc & Gwth	42.80	44.28†	-0.54	3.53
UK Income	337.80	350.90†	-4.80	5.91
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.87	56.91†	-0.87	0.36
Amer Smlr Cos	130.80	136.00	-0.90	..
-do- Accum	132.20	137.40	-1.00	
Europe Gth	188.20	195.80	-2.70	..
-do- Accum	185.60	193.80	-2.90	..
Euro Smaller Cos	33.49	34.81†	-0.21	..
French Growth	78.09	81.16	-0.96	0.28
-do- Accum	83.77	87.07	-1.03	0.28
H Kong & China	84.29	87.62	-0.45	1.34
Intl Growth	80.86	83.35†	-0.43	0.54
-do- Accum	61.71	64.15†	-0.43	0.54
Japan Gth	31.57	32.82	+0.12	..
-do- Accum	31.57	32.82	+0.12	..
Japan Smaller Cos	38.88	40.42†	+0.10	..
Glob Emg Mkts	94.00	97.71	-0.51	..
-do- Accum	94.67	98.41	-0.51	..
SE Asia	320.40	333.10	-0.80	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.73	57.42†	-0.09	5.51
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	189.50	201.50	-1.10	...
Income	181.06	192.64	-1.52	3.17
UK Growth	68.91	73.31	+0.17	0.48
International	81.22	86.40	-0.34	0.07
Ecology	89.96	95.70†	-0.96	1.12
European	140.83	149.81	-0.44	..
Far Eastern	300.90	320.10	+1.70	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.22	100.69	-0.29	7.85
Gilt Yield	114.56	120.90†	-0.60	7.63
Global Income	215.00	228.70	-2.20	3.79
High Yield	141.40	150.40†	-1.60	5.94
-do- Accum	445.20	474.70†	-5.00	5.94
Smlr Cos Div	55.81	59.37	+0.07	2.84
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	114.60	121.90	-2.10	
Asian Growth	314.90	335.00†	-2.10	0.25
-do- Accum	370.10	393.70†	-2.50	0.25
North American	89.94	95.57	-1.45	0.25
European Special	115.70	123.10	-2.60	0.10
European	156.80	168.80	-1.50	0.46
-do- Accum	206.60	219.80	-2.00	0.46
Global Emg Inc	109.30	116.00†	-1.10	2.22
Japan	407.10	433.10	+1.90	
Japanese Special	230.80	245.50	-0.60	
Smaller Cos	119.90	127.60	-0.39	1.17
UK Equity Growth	42.73	45.46	-0.52	1.62
UK Index Inc	302.60	305.70	-3.10	3.78
Eastern Tst	97.83	105.40	-0.30	2.85
-do- Accum	97.93	105.40	-0.30	2.85
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 437 5986				
Bridge Income	268.99	286.16†	-1.67	5.37
Inc & Growth Inc	57.39	61.69	-0.61	4.43
Smaller Cos	65.57	69.76†	-0.03	1.46
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	266.40	283.40	-2.70	1.89
High Income	110.10	117.10	-1.33	4.44
International	101.20	107.60	-1.20	0.55
Recovery Trust	71.05	75.58	-1.45	1.47
European Trust	79.79	84.88†	-1.04	0.90
Japanese Trust	41.24	43.87	+0.16	
American Trust	98.54	104.80†	-1.60	
Managed	68.98	73.06†	-0.52	0.67
Cash	51.10	51.10	+0.01	5.01
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	400.40	424.80	-4.10	2.41
UK Inc Gth	428.50	454.80	-4.20	3.07
UK Income	301.20	319.60	-3.08	3.75
UK Sm Cos	262.50	280.80		1.76
Euro Gwth	137.80	146.10	-2.30	
N Amer Gwth	102.90	109.20	-1.30	0.22
Japan Growth	63.27	67.18	+0.16	
Money Mkt	127.355	127.355	..	0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	515.83	548.70	-6.40	2.66
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-13.00	2.66
Equity Income #	101.40	107.90	-1.09	4.41
UK Tactical Alloctn	60.66	64.44†	-1.19	4.38
European	124.30	132.70	-1.80	1.09
Far Eastern	215.70	229.50†	-8.80	
Fixed Interest	51.62	54.90†	-0.22	7.49
Gilt	87.27	92.45†	-0.69	8.63
Global Growth	75.87	80.71	-0.36	0.36
Intl Bond	54.02	57.38	-0.07	4.60
Japanese	74.06	78.79	+0.30	
North American	171.10	182.00	-1.20	0.45
Pacific Growth	107.30	113.83†	-0.80	0.71
UK Index	67.77	71.53†	-0.84	3.13
UK Recovery	105.50	108.50†	-1.30	1.57
UK Smaller Cos	137.60	148.40	-0.30	1.47
US Index	71.69	75.66	-0.73	1.40
European Index	79.80	84.22	-0.95	2.18
Japan Index	40.02	42.24	+0.09	...
Worldwide	88.90	94.57	-0.50	1.58
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 932 6878 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	52.53	56.18	-0.83	2.07
Income	60.97	65.21	-0.63	3.09
Far East	52.54	56.19	-0.10	
North American	124.50	133.00	-2.10	
Global	102.80	109.90	-1.20	0.38
European	30.54	32.83	-0.07	0.70
Japan	107.70	129.80†	+0.40	
Intl Currency Bd	60.50	64.51†	+0.04	4.33
SE Asia	99.46	106.40	-0.90	
UK Cap Growth	95.94	102.90†	-1.10	1.62
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk 01634 834 239 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	368.30	391.50	-0.60	2.71
-do- Accum	847.60	901.80	-1.10	2.71
Conti Euro Gth	67.27	70.82	-0.23	1.38
-do- Accum	71.89	75.68	-0.24	1.38
Extra Inc	272.00	292.40	-2.70	4.19
-do- Accum	719.42	785.40	-7.30	4.19
FTSE 100 Inc	108.10	115.10	-2.00	2.53
FTSE 100 Acc	110.10	117.20	-2.00	2.53
German Gth	132.80	139.80	-1.10	
-do- Accum	133.32	146.70	-1.10	
Growth Pro	537.20	629.90†	+4.00	0.11
-do- Accum	598.80	647.70	+4.00	0.11
High Income Inc	94.65	98.00	-0.19	8.12
High Income Acc	94.65	98.20	-0.19	8.12
Hi Reserve Inc #	103.70	110.40	-0.80	6.73
Hi Reserve Acc #	138.40	[illegible]	-0.80	6.73
Income	516.50	542.70	-8.20	3.64
-do- Accum	914.18	975.09	[illegible]	3.64
Income Port	521.70	552.20	-6.30	[illegible]
-do- Accum	579.80	616.00	-1.30	4.82
Japan Growth	108.90	115.90	+1.20	..
-do- Accum	109.38	116.30	+1.10	..
Master Trust	81.50	85.54	+0.21	1.25
-do- Accum	69.99	74.46	+0.23	1.25
N American Gen	209.90	224.40	-0.60	0.77
-do- Accum	242.89	258.30	-0.60	0.77
Nthn Sm Co Rec	169.70	177.40	+0.60	...
-do- Accum	170.20	181.10	+0.70	...
Pacific Basin	262.60	279.90	-1.20	0.47
-do- Accum	279.40	297.30	-1.40	0.47
Small Cos Rec	433.80	459.50	+0.10	1.85
-do- Accum	585.30	616.20	+0.20	1.85
UK Growth	93.88	99.03	+0.16	2.13
-do- Accum	114.59	121.98	..	2.13
Worldwide Gth	332.90	354.20	+2.20	...
-do- Accum	491.10	522.50	+3.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	76.93	81.37	-0.80	0.48
General	96.26	103.28	-1.28	2.40
Income	68.03	72.90†	-0.69	5.30
International	67.91	72.86	-0.50	0.50
Japan	56.89	61.04	+0.13	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.42	75.55†	-0.34	1.30
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	452.10	479.20	-2.40	0.40
-do- Accum	565.80	599.20	-3.00	0.40
Amer Recovery	504.00	533.80†	-4.80	0.44
-do- Accum	581.40	614.80†	-4.50	0.44
Amer Smlr Cos	141.88	150.08	-1.00	..
-do- Accum	144.99	153.30	-0.90	..
Australasian	155.80	164.80	-1.40	2.47
-do- Accum	192.30	203.40	-1.70	2.47
Capital	886.90	948.50	-7.70	2.78
-do- Accum	1049.20	1102.10	-9.00	2.78
Charifund	737.70	745.10	-7.90	5.77
-do- Accum	3354.60	3390.20	-38.30	5.77
Commodity	397.00	419.80	-1.50	0.52
-do- Accum	584.70	618.30	-2.20	0.52
Compound Gth	1023.30	1082.10†	-12.50	2.86
-do- Accum	1101.00	1164.20†	-12.70	2.86
Dividend	43.60	46.10	-0.40	4.26
-do- Accum	185.00	196.00	-1.90	4.26
Equity Income	348.80	369.70	-2.00	4.81
-do- Accum	464.00	490.70	-2.60	4.81
Euro & General	538.30	569.30	-1.30	1.36
-do- Accum	686.10	725.60	-1.60	1.36
Euro Dividend	73.90	78.10	...	3.92
-do- Accum	91.10	96.30	...	3.92
Extra Yield	436.90	462.00†	-5.90	4.87
-do- Accum	1416.00	1498.50†	-19.10	4.87
Far Eastern	347.00	366.90	+0.70	0.58
-do- Accum	462.80	489.30	+0.80	0.58
Fund of Inv Tsts	846.30	883.50	-2.70	1.86
-do- Accum	1219.40	1280.60	-5.10	1.86
General	64.70	68.40	-0.80	3.85
-do- Accum	184.50	195.30	-2.10	3.85
Gilt Income	58.63	59.71	-0.25	7.49
-do- Accum	170.61	170.85	-0.71	7.49
Gold	84.70	88.40	-0.60	0.78
-do- Accum	76.80	81.20	-0.80	0.78
High Income	31.00	32.69	-0.30	4.57
-do- Accum	127.20	134.50	-1.50	4.57
Intl Growth	81.50	86.20	-0.10	0.90
-do- Accum	143.20	151.50	-0.20	0.90
International Inc	101.70	107.60†	-0.30	4.18
-do- Accum	157.20	166.40†	-0.50	4.16
Japan & Gen	41.10	43.50	+0.20	..
-do- Accum	44.10	46.70	+0.20	...
Japan Smlr Cos	145.30	153.70†	+0.70	...
-do- Accum	146.30	154.80†	+0.80	...
Managed Gwth	25.10	26.50	-0.10	1.75
Managed Income	28.70	30.10	-0.20	4.12
Midland	82.05	86.80†	-0.20	3.27
-do- Accum	212.80	225.10†	-0.80	3.27
Pension Ex	1012.80	1037.40	-11.20	4.21
Recovery	44.80	47.50	-0.50	2.59
-do- Accum	74.60	79.20	-0.60	2.59
Second General	73.00	77.20	-0.30	3.68
-do- Accum	191.70	203.60	-0.70	3.68
Smaller Cos	71.90	76.00	+0.10	3.11
-do- Accum	145.00	153.40	+0.30	3.11
Sterling Hi Int	24.34	24.48†	-0.10	6.19
Treasury	25.16	25.20	+0.01	6.38
Trustee	42.50	44.90†	-0.40	4.46
-do- Accum	177.80	188.10	-1.40	4.46
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.23	88.66†	-1.20	1.41
Intl Bond	66.28	69.69	-0.13	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	77.42	82.24	-0.69	0.67
N Amer Growth	113.76	120.88†	-1.35	0.90
Special Sits Growth	23.37	24.89†	-0.27	2.23
UK Growth	403.93	429.71†	-5.49	2.77
-do- Accum	541.87	575.50	-7.34	2.77
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1417.40	1443.50	...	3.80
Income #	1015.60	1030.40	...	4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	155.60	159.60		3.79
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-do- Accum	189.80	199.80	-0.81	2.12
UK Sel Pfolio	142.50	150.00	-0.59	2.46
-do- Accum	167.60	176.50	-0.59	2.46
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Managed Tst	70.43	74.92†		3.69
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Intl Income	75.98	80.84†	-0.54	4.14
European	89.12	94.61	-0.09	1.20
Income #	78.69	83.53	-0.16	4.85
Nth American	73.93	80.06	-0.79	0.57
Far East	166.60	177.10	+0.50	0.10
Japan	58.55	62.16	+0.44	
Emerging Mkts	85.93	91.90	+0.04	0.02
Intl Growth	116.10	123.30†	-0.40	0.91
UK Growth	106.30	112.80	-0.60	1.53
UK Smlr Co	51.64	54.82	+0.13	1.34
Accum Opps Fd	37.08	39.56	+0.10	0.06
Glob Gwth PEP	54.12	57.45†	-0.30	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	436.50	464.36†	-6.15	3.82
Global Inc	71.28	75.83†	-0.54	3.69
Brit Leaders	373.05	396.86†	-0.07	1.77
Intl Leaders	208.71	222.07†	-1.85	1.40
PAM Mg Bal Grth	65.61	69.41†	-0.12	0.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2800				
American	227.70	241.10	-2.90	..
-do- Accum	243.20	257.70	-3.10	..
American Opps	109.20	116.50†	-1.50	..
-do- Accum	110.60	118.00†	-1.40	..
British Blue Chip	84.70	89.91†	-1.35	2.87
-do- Accum	107.20	113.80†	-1.50	2.87
Cash	101.30	107.30	+0.100	6.43
-do- Accum *	142.20	142.20	+0.100	6.43
Emerging Mkts	106.10	114.10	-0.40	0.12
-do- Accum	109.70	114.70	-0.50	0.12
European Growth	264.30	280.50	-2.40	0.16
-do- Accum	286.70	304.30	-2.70	0.16
European Income	86.30	91.45	-0.47	3.14
-do- Accum	119.90	127.00	-0.60	3.14
General	544.30	578.70†	-8.00	2.14
-do- Accum	1086.00	1155.00†	-15.00	2.14
Global Bond	129.60	136.20†	+0.200	5.41
-do- Accum	163.40	177.60†	+0.290	5.41
Gold & General	200.30	215.40	-2.40	0.42
-do- Accum	209.80	222.40	-2.50	0.42
Govt Securities	92.01	94.86	-0.45	8.19
-do- Accum	183.50	189.20	-0.80	8.19
High Yield Bd	99.20	102.60		7.13
-do- Accum	99.30	102.60		7.13
Income	164.80	174.40	-2.30	4.05
-do- Accum	263.60	279.80	-3.70	4.05
Inc Portfolio #	102.50	108.60†	-1.10	4.83
-do- Accum #	107.10	113.50†	-1.00	4.83
Intl Opps	492.60	521.20	-2.80	0.17
-do- Accum	654.70	698.30	-4.00	0.17
Japan	167.10	177.20	+0.100	
-do- Accum	171.50	182.00	+0.100	
New Europe	194.70	207.70	-1.90	0.57
-do- Accum	200.70	214.10	-2.00	0.57
Pacific	112.50	120.50	-0.43	0.85
-do- Accum	122.70	130.70	-0.60	0.85
Recovery	326.70	348.50†	-7.00	0.74
-do- Accum	423.50	451.70†	-9.50	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	57.79	61.57†	-0.15	0.84
-do- Accum	65.98	70.38†	-0.18	0.84
Portfolio	85.28	90.53†	-1.06	2.56
-do- Accum	102.70	108.90†	-1.30	2.56
Managed Gth	105.70	112.60	-1.10	1.72
Managed Inc	109.90	114.00	-0.90	3.96
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Pfolio	124.77	132.73	-1.51	0.13
Portfolio	71.01	75.54	-0.78	1.59
UK Income Inc	81.34	86.53	-1.27	5.03
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	82.77	85.73†	-0.55	2.93
-do- Accum	68.63	71.23†	-0.60	2.93
British Tst	94.17	98.61	-1.39	1.92
-do- Accum	110.59	116.70	-1.80	1.92
Extra High Inc	68.23	71.58†	-0.30	6.69
-do- Accum	137.90	144.30†	-0.70	6.69
FT-SE 100 Acc	80.49	83.30	-0.75	2.61
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.67	61.43	-0.52	2.61
Gilt & Fxd Int	34.47	36.69	-0.40	7.31
-do- Accum	164.10	173.80	-1.20	7.31
High Yield	228.10	239.90	-1.50	5.91
-do- Accum	389.60	410.70	-3.80	5.91
Income	296.70	310.70	-3.50	3.91
-do- Accum	667.30	698.70	-8.00	3.91
Money Market UT	49.66	49.66	-0.02	5.49
-do- Accum	79.72	79.72	+0.03	5.49
Monthly Income	87.35	91.47†	-0.72	4.94
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	114.60	121.90	-1.70	1.61
European Growth	110.20	116.80	-0.10	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	96.27	99.77	-0.87	5.79
Income	90.87	96.67	-0.95	2.64
Japan Growth	50.52	53.55	+0.60	...
Managed	74.39	79.14	-0.51	2.26
Money Market	80.95	85.44	+0.05	4.27
North American	100.10	106.10	+0.10	0.42
Midland PSWCS Unit Trust				
British	104.00	110.60	-1.00	1.89
European Growth	103.50	109.80	...	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.87	90.86	-0.63	5.76
Income	88.14	94.83	-0.95	2.71
Japan Growth	50.29	53.31	+0.60	...
Managed	71.11	75.65	-0.58	2.20
Money Market	83.08	88.07	+0.04	4.17
North American	89.56	95.03	+0.05	0.51
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	103.70	110.30	-1.60	1.59
European Growth	101.10	107.10	-0.10	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.98	83.79	-0.59	5.89
Income	87.65	93.25	-0.83	2.74
Japan Growth	51.43	54.51	+0.61	...
Managed	73.86	78.61	-0.60	2.21
Money Market	77.45	82.09	+0.05	4.24
North American	101.10	107.20	+0.10	0.39
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (£65)	14.45	15.48	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	416.70	442.50	-3.80	...
European Gth Inc	577.30	619.50	-3.50	...
-do- Accum	593.60	626.60	-3.60	...
Intl Gwth	207.50	220.90	-1.90	..
UK Equity Inc	202.00	214.90†	-2.60	2.90
UK Intl Trckr Inc	173.60	185.50	-2.50	2.70
-do- Accum	208.90	223.20	-3.00	2.70
US Eq Inf Trk Inc	236.60	250.80†	-2.47	1.09
Japan Tracker	73.34	77.88	+0.21	...
Asian Tracker	269.30	286.20†	-1.00	0.26
Managed Inc	169.80	181.00	-0.60	2.13
Deposit Inc	98.92	98.92†	+0.04	5.97
Europe	236.20	257.80	+2.50	...
Generic	177.50	193.10	+0.20	1.67
High Income	21.22	22.50†	-0.12	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	95.94	102.10†	-0.80	2.59
Acumen Inc	92.48	94.44†	-0.79	2.59
Acumen Reserve	88.04	88.92†	+0.01	8.14
-do- Inc	72.16	72.89†	+0.01	8.14
American Growth	177.80	189.30	...	
Cash Income	48.98	48.98		5.98
Equity Income #	95.29	100.90†	-1.30	4.82
European	73.91	75.41†	-0.69	0.57
Smaller Cos	85.78	89.84	-0.13	1.28
W'wide Eqty	88.11	89.76	-0.23	0.48
Global Bond	45.51	48.69	-0.69	6.53
UK Growth	101.10	103.79	-1.27	2.66
Pacific Growth	106.70	112.80	-0.16	0.59
Japan Growth	101.30	103.00	+0.40	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	130.89	139.24	-1.34	2.58
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	79.07	84.13	-0.97	2.16
UK Income	115.42	122.79	-1.44	3.91
Higher Income	218.50	232.45	-1.94	5.20
Smaller Cos	89.89	95.60†	-0.10	1.86
International	100.87	107.31†	-1.27	1.80
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	118.40	129.80	-1.30	0.20
European Dist	125.60	133.68	-0.90	0.17
Far East Dist	184.08	195.78	-0.58	..
Global Care Dist	79.58	84.67	-0.31	0.67
Oseas Dist	1075.40	1144.00†	-6.50	0.01
-do- Accum	1399.70	1489.00	-8.40	0.01
UK Dist	378.20	402.30	-4.70	2.45
-do- Accum	750.80	798.70	-9.20	2.45
UK Extra Inc Dist	84.58	89.98	-0.52	3.54
Wrlde Dist	111.30	118.49†	-0.60	0.27
Wrlde Inc Dist	75.87	80.71†	-0.71	2.20
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Adviser Enq: 01277 690 360				
Europe Inc	67.43	71.17	-0.92	1.12
Fund of Funds Inc	82.49	85.86	-0.47	2.29
North America Inc	60.07	63.46	-0.82	..
UK Equity Grth Inc	63.04	66.58	-0.85	2.69
-do- Accum	65.22	69.09	-0.69	2.59
UK General Inc	81.45	84.85†	-0.70	2.84
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	46.54	49.02†	-0.22	7.38
UK Income Inc	60.82	64.19	-0.82	3.51
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	41.57	44.22†	-0.38	2.85
-do- Accum	41.98	44.57†	-0.38	2.85
Bond	120.71	128.18†	-1.36	5.86
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.00	...	2.20
Cash Income	50.59	50.59	+0.02	5.87
-do- Accum	65.24	65.24	+0.03	5.87
Distribution	97.20	103.49†	-1.45	3.35
European	45.72	48.73	-0.56	..
Foundation	99.26	107.04†	-1.53	2.36
General	202.36	215.36	-1.32	1.53
Global	337.59	359.58†	-3.20	0.19
Growth	131.96	140.38†	-1.85	2.59
Higher Income Inc	31.69	33.68†	-0.40	3.91
-do- Accum	37.01	39.09†	-0.47	3.91
Income	250.12	266.98†	+0.94	3.17
Intrepid	128.85	134.87†		2.02
Japan	25.23	26.84	-0.67	..
Managed Tst Inc	51.13	54.68	-0.83	2.12
-do- Accum	54.50	58.28	-0.88	2.12
Oriental Inc	145.20	154.47	-2.84	0.23
-do- Accum	149.83	159.39	-2.86	0.22
Para Int Gwth	31.50	33.96†	-0.32	0.45
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	33.71	36.05	...	0.64
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	79.72	85.26	-0.96	1.61
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	104.40	110.56	...	2.32
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	129.80	138.83†	-1.87	1.38
UK Equity	149.17	157.02	-1.83	2.66
UK Equity Income	140.76	148.17	-1.54	3.38
UK Smaller Cos	126.25	132.89	-0.17	1.92
UK Equity Growth	140.71	148.12†	-1.42	2.20
UK Index Trckg	152.27	160.28	-1.85	3.44
Intl Index Trckg	155.16	163.33†	-1.85	1.80
International	251.10	264.32†	-1.82	0.52
European	215.10	228.42	-2.75	0.28
Pan European	145.28	152.93	-1.76	1.32
Nth American	201.43	213.83	-2.26	0.19
N Amer Smlr Cos	210.26	229.75	-1.89	..
Japanese	90.74	95.52	+0.15	..
Pacific	232.02	244.23	-0.88	0.59
South East Asian	260.64	274.57†	-1.44	0.79
Intl Bond	140.29	147.67	+0.06	4.42
Gilt & Convertible	104.55	110.03	-0.87	8.37
Property	78.92	83.07	-0.04	6.75
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	259.30	275.39	-3.28	0.42
-do- Accum	271.20	291.30	-3.40	0.42
Japan Inc	101.00	107.80†	+0.10	...
Nth American Inc	117.09	125.49	-0.70	0.30
Worldwide Inc	168.00	178.80†	-0.80	0.38
Hong Kong Inc	149.20	159.30	-0.80	1.80
Swiss Equities Inc	82.47	87.34	-0.82	0.11
Worlds Bond Inc	63.89	67.84†	-0.43	5.24
Emerging Asia Inc	207.88	220.20	-1.50	0.14
-do- Accum	208.60	227.20	-1.40	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.53	50.53	+0.02	6.34
Thailand Inc	163.90	173.80	-0.60	1.28
Gold Trust Inc	71.79	80.02	-0.19	0.18
New Zealand Inc	96.18	103.40†	-0.30	1.83
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	64.93	69.73	-0.50	1.47
Latin Am Emg Inc	57.85	62.57	-0.16	0.31
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	63.81	68.18	-1.10	2.52
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Venture	82.57	88.31	-0.08	...
Global Portfolio	78.66	78.44	-1.33	...
Global Opps	67.37	72.85	+0.84	...
Marsh Global Grth	65.47	68.43	-0.10	...
AAM Global Equity	55.20	58.51	+0.03	2.13
CAM Bal Grwth Inc	99.30	106.30	-1.88	...
Temple Equity Inc	44.96	48.99	-0.78	2.31
Hadley Growth	89.58	95.30	-1.53	...
Intl Growth Inc	89.72	95.91	+0.69	1.08
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.25	92.92	-1.89	...
St Jms Mkr Inv Inc	47.30	49.23		...
Premier Portfolio Inc	68.54	73.30	-0.03	1.79
Roxburgh Shor Gth	74.65	79.84	-0.69	0.47
Slater Grwth	118.60	117.70†	-1.90	..
Boudbury Growth	51.25	55.28	-0.10	0.57
International Stad	80.49	86.69	-0.12	...
UFC Ind-Act Gth	59.36	62.89	-0.04	...
Cavendish Topost	51.78	55.79	-0.07	...
Prem Equity Inc	118.00	120.18	-1.89	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.66	51.33	-0.03	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 527 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	256.40	272.70	-3.30	2.65
-do- Accum	548.20	583.10	-7.10	2.65
Growth	166.10	174.80	-2.10	2.03
Income	249.70	264.50†	-3.20	3.72
Intl Equity	262.90	279.60†	-1.90	0.77
-do- Accum	292.70	311.30	-2.10	0.77
UK Income	69.34	73.76	-0.86	3.20
UK Intl 25	85.66	90.48	-0.89	2.12
New Europe	86.62	91.50	-0.40	0.20
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	629.47	673.24†	-6.41	0.65
-do- Accum	631.14	675.02	-6.43	0.65
Income	396.25	426.05†	-1.82	3.66
Worldwide Recovery	412.03	440.66	-4.66	0.45
Asian Growth Inc	250.56	267.98	-2.38	0.91
-do- Accum	250.55	267.98	-2.38	0.91
Intl Emerging Cos	252.07	269.60	-3.72	0.38
Far East Gwth Inc	285.51	305.26	-1.24	0.38
-do- Accum	285.51	305.26	-1.24	0.38
Euro Gwth Inc	160.52	171.65	-2.24	0.10
-do- Accum	160.92	172.11	-2.26	0.10
UK Growth Inc	102.37	109.49	-0.83	2.82
-do- Accum	107.78	115.19	-0.66	2.82
High Income	105.79	113.15	-0.45	3.62
Jap Gwth Inc	207.94	221.50	+0.52	0.01
-do- Accum	207.94	221.50	+0.52	0.01
PEP Growth	129.05	138.04	-1.15	0.65
Amer Smlr Mkts Inc	127.96	136.86	-0.89	0.36
-do- Accum	127.90	136.88	-0.89	0.36
Amer Smlr Co Inc	162.46	173.80	-1.33	0.01
-do- Accum	162.40	173.80	-1.33	0.01
Global Bond	55.91	58.98†	-0.28	5.50
UK Smaller Cos Inc	91.52	97.89	-0.98	1.71
-do- Accum	96.30	103.00	-0.98	1.71
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0181 281 3907				
American	117.51	125.01	-0.10	..
European	80.47	85.54	-0.20	..
Global	65.19	69.35	+0.01	..
Pacific	80.60	82.80†	+0.07	..
UK Inc & Gth	70.79	74.78†	-0.08	2.22
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	176.59	188.08	-0.45	0.64
Emrgng Mkts	47.33	50.69	-0.23	1.04
High Income #	52.22	55.28†	-0.46	5.86
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.21	72.30	-0.51	2.78
Growth Income	71.06	75.85	-0.31	2.54
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	183.07	192.85	-2.08	1.60
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 842				
American Inc	103.60	110.10	-1.00	3.46
Cash & Gilt	111.10	118.20	-0.50	6.07
European Income	75.45	80.27†	-0.45	3.24
Extra Income	164.10	174.59†	-1.70	4.84
-do- Accum	205.50	218.70	-2.10	4.84
Far East	384.50	409.70†	-2.50	0.20
-do- Accum	403.40	429.80	-3.60	0.20
Global Growth	26.87	28.58	-0.27	4.38
High Income	121.80	133.01	-1.30	4.86
-do- Accum	175.20	186.10	-1.40	4.86
International	198.60	211.30†	-2.50	0.70
-do- Accum	205.50	218.60	-2.55	0.70
Pref & Fxd Int ½	42.81	45.23†	+0.04	7.44
Recovery	75.99	80.85	-0.81	2.64
Special Sits	120.80	128.50	-0.40	1.76
-do- Accum	131.60	139.90	-0.50	1.76
Technology	606.50	645.70	-8.80	...
UK Blue Chip	78.16	81.02	-1.15	3.18
-do- Accum	86.52	92.47	-1.31	3.18
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3985				
Equity Gth	213.30	226.80	-1.60	1.35
European Gth	102.50	110.60	-0.70	0.69
Income & Gth #	145.40	154.70	-1.30	3.20
Japan Gth	114.00	121.30	+0.60	..
Nth Amer Gth	174.40	185.50	-1.60	0.09
Overseas Gth	105.80	112.70	-0.20	0.29
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4469				
Managed Tst	40.46	41.82	-0.29	1.79
Cash Home Inc	101.50	102.18	+0.04	5.66
Cash Home Acc	114.49	115.66	+0.04	5.65
Dist Trust Inc	99.77	103.38†	-0.82	6.47
Dist Trust Acc	108.81	118.47†	-0.92	6.47
Global Growth	93.17	101.24	-1.39	1.48
Equity Inc	85.95	91.43	-0.78	3.21
Equity	789.10	850.55†	...	2.25
European	228.54	238.92	-2.89	0.77
High Income	86.78	85.51†	-0.66	5.07
Intl Gth	199.38	212.19†	-1.27	0.30
Intl Sm Co	85.70	91.20†	-0.61	0.48
Japanese	207.91	214.51†	+0.09	...
Nth Amer	203.52	216.98	-0.72	1.17
Pacific Mkts	109.55	113.98	-0.70	0.29
Premier Inc	47.89	49.23†	-0.30	5.62
Sm Cos	99.97	106.39	-1.19	1.43
Spec Sits	117.15	124.82	-1.43	2.60
UK Growth	133.04	141.53	-1.76	2.18
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	317.50	338.80†	+4.30	3.12
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	601.98	639.93	-8.57	0.48
FA America (Acc)	704.02	748.46	-10.03	0.48
FA UK Equity Inc	168.75	179.64	-3.88	3.48
FA Japan	244.50	260.23	+1.84	...
FA Major UK Cos	103.25	110.08	-1.74	2.52
FA Smlr UK Cos	335.42	354.84†	+1.03	1.38
FA European	352.92	375.38	-1.99	0.48
FA Amer Smlr Cos	54.27	58.04	-0.29	...
FA Asia	48.96	53.69	-0.18	...
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.56	45.51	-0.03	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	105.98	112.58	-1.79	...
UK Smlr Cos	95.24	100.24	+0.28	...
UK Income	104.85	110.37	-1.77	...
America	121.18	127.55	-1.70	...
Japanese	53.98	56.81	+0.41	...
European	113.20	119.77	-1.35	...
Gilt	91.88	96.98	-0.69	...
Deposit	86.59	91.11	+0.04	...
Managed	106.08	111.64	+0.41	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.04	109.51	-1.74	...
UK Smaller Cos	92.91	97.79	+0.27	...
UK Income	102.19	107.56	-1.73	...
America	117.82	124.01	-1.67	...
Japanese	52.48	55.24	+0.39	...
European	110.75	116.57	-0.33	...
Gilt	90.54	95.30	-0.27	...
Deposit	82.84	86.69	+0.05	...
Managed	99.20	104.41	-0.87	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	97.67	104.39	-0.40	0.16
Pacific Basin	75.46	81.11†	-0.14	...
High Inc Dist	142.28	151.90	-2.70	4.38
Rnl Life Int Chary	59.50	63.02	-0.22	2.85
Rnl Life Int Gwth	71.15	76.08	-0.23	...
Rnl Life Int Spec	66.52	70.76	-0.28	...
UK Emerging Cos	132.30	140.49	-0.19	1.04
UK Index Trckg	182.80	194.60	...	3.13
European	142.78	153.85†	-3.00	...
Managed	161.00	173.12	-1.40	0.68
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	164.20	174.80	...	1.07
European Growth	120.60	128.00	...	2.44
Far East Growth	137.20	145.90	...	2.81
Japan Growth	128.40	136.50	...	
Special Sits	224.90	239.20†	...	1.13
UK Growth	86.59	92.08	...	2.17
Value General	255.70	272.10†	...	1.23
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 8600				
Far East Inc	162.20	171.60	-0.30	0.22
Gr Euro Prog Inc	349.30	369.60	-4.50	0.11
-do- Accum	543.00	574.50	-7.00	0.11
Growth Inc	142.60	150.70	-1.40	0.16
-do- Accum	145.60	154.10	-1.50	0.16
International Inc	363.20	384.30	-3.80	0.27
-do- Accum	500.70	529.80	-5.20	0.27
Nth Am & Intl Inc	384.50	405.70	-4.60	0.53
UK Gen Prog Inc	237.40	251.20	-2.20	1.08
-do- Accum	267.30	282.60	-2.50	1.08
UK High Inc Inc	139.80	147.70	-1.30	3.88
SAKURA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	74.80	78.82	-1.04	...
Asian Growth	113.02	120.23	-0.77	0.73
European Gwth	75.80	80.64	-0.86	1.02
Global Bd	56.78	60.19†	-0.22	5.80
Global Eq	81.78	86.71	-0.70	0.60
Japan Sm Cos	56.91	60.54	+0.70	...
UK Gwth	72.72	77.36	-0.46	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	79.65	84.98†	-0.61	3.40
Amer Smlr Cos	133.70	142.20	-1.10	...
Asian Smlr Cos	42.09	45.20	[illegible]	...
Capital Portfolio	134.70	143.30	-1.50	1.60
Cash	129.60	129.60†	...	6.06
China Dragon	60.00	63.83	-0.20	1.47
Commodity	132.40	139.20	-1.40	...
Eastern Discovery	93.53	100.20	...	...
Emerging Mkts	38.15	40.58	-0.15	...
Energy Ind	128.80	137.80	-1.20	0.15
European Growth	199.70	212.40	-1.00	0.16
Euro Inc & Gwth #	82.04	87.28	-0.17	1.93
Euro Smlr Cos	60.48	64.34	+0.22	0.08
Extra Income #	53.69	55.49	-0.44	5.89
Financial Secs	245.30	261.00	-3.10	1.28
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.70	50.37†	-0.22	8.93
Gold & Exploration	80.43	85.56	-0.61	...
High Return #	240.20	255.60	-3.00	3.98
High Yield #	239.70	255.90†	-3.00	3.61
Income #	124.20	132.10	-1.80	4.25
Intl Bond	169.80	178.30†	-1.20	5.54
IIU	213.60	228.60†	-1.40	1.04
Japan Growth	169.30	179.00†	+0.60	...
Japan Smaller	171.70	182.70	+0.10	...
Korea	66.97	71.24†	-1.84	...
Moneyland	58.34	62.06	-0.25	0.70
Scotbits	367.40	390.90	-5.00	1.05
Scotshares #	329.00	349.40	-4.20	2.28
Scotyields #	264.60	270.90	-3.50	3.27
Select Intl	145.45	154.70†	-0.52	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	256.60	273.20†	-2.00	3.42
SE Asia	84.11	[illegible]	-0.05	0.64
Special Sits	148.80	149.30	-1.70	1.93
UK Equity #	267.10	284.20	-3.50	2.45
UK Growth	71.72	76.30	-0.76	1.83
UK & Wwide	178.30	189.70	-1.20	1.13
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	58.45	[illegible]	+0.08	2.32
US Growth	176.10	187.30	-1.40	0.14
Univ Growth	144.80	154.00	-0.60	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cis: 0800 526 535 Dlg: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	289.75	307.44	-3.19	0.05
-do- Accum	317.28	336.65	-3.49	0.05
European Gwth	80.15	85.12	-0.97	0.07
Euro Smlr Cos	86.39	95.34	-0.94	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	100.52	107.22	-0.62	...
-do- Accum	182.34	193.15	-0.63	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.12	52.65†	-0.31	7.39
Global Bond #	52.21	55.95	-0.12	6.98
-do- Accum #	53.72	60.69	-0.13	6.98
Global Emer Mkts	51.97	55.43†	-0.42	...
-do- Accum	52.02	55.49†	-0.42	...
Income #	369.53	394.18†	-4.16	3.67
-do- Accum #	1212.81	1272.81†	-13.55	3.67
Japan Smlr Cos	438.59	469.75	+1.84	...
-do- Accum	443.57	469.75	+1.84	...
Japan Enterprise	69.13	73.73†	+0.35	...
Pacific Gwth	137.50	146.65	-0.86	0.36
-do- Accum	141.94	151.40	-0.86	0.36
Portfolio	86.41	92.17	-0.89	1.95
-do- Accum	94.48	100.78	-0.75	1.95
Seoul	50.76	54.16	-1.17	...
-do- Accum	50.76	54.16	-1.17	...
Smaller Cos	245.68	262.05	-0.15	1.25
Tokyo	120.84	128.89†	+0.37	...
-do- Accum	122.80	130.99†	+0.37	...
UK Enterprise	294.42	314.04	-3.86	2.62
-do- Accum	355.79	379.57	-4.69	2.62
UK Equity	263.76	281.35	-2.93	2.76
-do- Accum	519.49	554.13	-5.76	2.76
US Smlr Cos	195.08	208.55	-2.06	...
-do- Accum	56.67	60.60†	-0.72	0.60
Institutional Funds				
European	254.36	269.34	-3.18	1.40
-do- Accum	284.56	299.77	-3.58	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	51.19	52.48	-0.65	1.45
-do- Accum	53.14	54.52	-0.65	1.45
Global Equity Inc	82.77	88.21†	-0.54	1.02
Japan Smlr Cos	36.04	37.54†	+0.16	0.19
-do- Accum	36.36	37.88	+0.16	0.19
Mngd Balanced	205.09	213.54	-1.89	2.62
-do- Accum	224.85	243.81	-2.05	2.62
Overseas Equity	262.28	278.46	-1.77	1.07
-do- Accum	280.60	298.01	-1.22	1.07
Oseas Cap Gth	130.09	135.47	-0.01	0.92
-do- Accum	136.24	142.02	-0.81	0.92
Pacific	253.08	269.82	-1.00	1.44
-do- Accum	279.59	281.23	-1.80	1.44
Recovery	230.01	238.84	-1.53	2.01
-do- Accum	821.50	832.40	-16.90	2.01
UK Index	169.96	177.00	-2.30	3.27
-do- Accum	208.81	218.54	-2.86	3.27
UK Small Cos	123.21	131.41	-0.92	2.08
-do- Accum	125.69	134.07	-0.95	2.08
US Smlr Cos	55.34	57.64†	-0.71	0.59
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	55.16	58.31	-0.48	3.15
Equity Trust	68.41	72.34	-0.48	2.92
Equity Strategy	58.67	62.52	-0.32	2.12
European Opps	96.25	101.75	+0.50	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	77.95	78.98	+0.13	1.32
Worldwide Inc	92.93	101.89	+0.04	3.89
Japanese	79.67	79.97	+0.34	...
Asia Pacific	124.11	131.25	-1.50	3.17
American	117.34	123.00	-1.47	0.88
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.92	31.92	+0.01	6.224
UK General Inc	38.21	38.94	-0.06	2.84
-do- Accum	73.67	78.76	-1.11	2.84
Intl Income	275.00	293.30†	-2.10	1.59
-do- Accum	479.45	511.30†	-3.80	1.59
European	85.81	91.48	-1.26	1.70
Japan	86.52	89.17	+0.26	0.14
American	80.03	84.79	-0.68	2.01
Far East	80.81	86.28	-0.81	1.77
Ethical Inc	33.16	35.59		2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.04	41.03	-0.58	2.91
High Inc Inc	38.26	40.94	-0.60	3.65
UK Global Inc	42.09	45.85	-0.46	1.76
Wwide Tstd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.32
Emerg 2000 Tact	38.80	41.77	-0.34	1.45
Technology	136.76	143.80†	-1.15	1.84
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	423.80	450.80	-5.30	2.79
American	308.80	327.90	-3.30	0.55
Pacific	366.80	416.80	-1.50	0.42
European	550.30	[illegible]	-3.00	1.48
Worldwide	93.16	99.82	-0.40	0.88
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	295.60	314.60	-3.80	2.28
-do- Accum	377.50	402.10	-4.80	2.28
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	227.10	241.20	...	1.90
-do- Accum	273.70	290.40	...	1.90
Select Equity Inc	77.62	82.61†	-0.71	1.38
Income Plus Inc	77.57	82.62	-0.85	3.82
European Inc	88.37	93.09	-0.49	1.18
-do- Accum	413.70	440.20	-5.00	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	178.10	182.40†	-0.70	0.80
-do- Accum	202.40	215.40	-0.80	0.80
Japanese Inc	66.80	69.95†	+0.15	...
Nth American Inc	320.20	340.40†	-3.18	0.63
-do- Accum	[illegible]	324.40†	-3.40	0.63
Intl Bonds Inc	212.70	226.30	-1.40	[illegible]
W Mo Venture Inc	84.23	89.61†	-0.57	[illegible]
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	400.00	429.50	-2.10	2.51
-do- Accum	600.30	640.70	-3.20	2.51
UK High Inc	193.40	206.20	-1.10	3.46
-do- Accum	289.60	309.20	-1.70	3.46
Europe Inc	424.50	459.20	+2.30	0.52
Nth Amer Inc	261.10	278.90	-1.80	..
Global Inc	236.50	252.20	-0.60	0.22
Global Acc	254.70	271.70	-0.60	0.22
UK Spec Sits Inc	111.10	118.50	-0.40	3.89
Far East Asia	225.80	240.80	-1.40	0.28
Cash Trust Inc	101.70	101.70	...	5.86
UK Smlr Cos Inc	113.60	121.10	-0.20	2.04
-do- Accum	117.50	125.30	-0.22	2.04
Intl Bond Inc	95.76	101.69	-0.38	5.74
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 818				
Sector Recovery	148.90	155.50	-1.40	4.29
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	138.30	145.60	-1.20	0.94
Nth American	123.60	130.10	-1.40	..
Intl Bond & Conv	128.70	135.40	-0.20	5.66
Pooled Pension (2)	205.90	221.40	...	2.03
Smaller Cos	92.05	95.80	...	1.18
UK General	149.90	154.60	-1.70	1.69
Far Eastern	96.14	101.20†	-0.20	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	117.72	...†	-2.33	...
Aptec ‡	85.66	...†	-0.21	...
Europe ‡	158.61	...†	-1.15	0.25
Global Bond ‡	92.27	...†	-0.84	8.56
Investment Trust ‡	104.61	...†	-0.50	2.65
Preferred Income ‡	58.59	...†	-0.31	8.80
Samurai ‡	54.21	...†	+0.21	...
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.19	...†	+0.05	6.00
UK Growth ‡	106.84	...†	-0.75	2.35
Tal Pax ‡	98.69	...†	-0.75	...
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	103.87	...†	+0.09	2.89
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.26	...†	-0.73	5.66
Glob Gwth PEP	69.13	73.54	-0.77	...
Pref Inc PEP #	97.86	103.89†	-0.70	5.61
Inv Trust PEP	51.63	54.37	-0.38	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	386.50	409.46	+0.80	...
Canadian	68.92	73.36	-0.32	0.45
Capital	134.70	144.90	-0.80	1.88
Cash	100.45	100.45†	+0.01	5.87
European	146.20	154.70	-0.40	0.80
Far Eastern	156.50	165.60	+0.80	...
Growth	147.90	158.50	-0.50	1.41
Income	135.30	143.20†	-0.80	4.98
Magnum	145.10	153.40	-0.70	1.57
Smlr Socs	440.00	465.50†	+0.10	0.91
Thoroughbred	169.50	180.60†	-0.80	1.32
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Capital Prmnce	53.84	57.58	-0.34	8.06
Ethical	68.50	71.51†	-0.15	2.30
European Growth	74.53	79.07	-1.02	3.28
Income	87.80	91.58	-0.44	5.70
Intl Growth	100.30	106.90	-1.00	3.28
Managed	95.30	98.98	-0.94	3.90
UK Growth	68.79	73.06	-0.56	3.10
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	43.25	43.47	-0.20	1.80
Global Advtg Acc	46.65	46.89	-0.20	1.80
Income Advtg Inc	34.05	34.23†	-0.20	3.36
Income Advtg Acc	36.41	36.61	-0.20	3.36
UK Equity Gth Acc	80.21	85.03	-0.38	0.83
Premier Inc Inc	47.87	50.92	-0.12	7.73
Premier Inc Acc	47.87	50.99	-0.10	7.73
Managed Inc	58.42	59.81	-0.20	1.34
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.80	41.13†	-0.30	3.61
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.69	52.68	-0.30	3.61
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.83	73.99	-0.45	2.66
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.83	54.07†	-0.30	2.06
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.58	32.32†	-0.16	6.58
Cmms Lng Co Acc	338.70	357.50	+0.40	1.73
Nth American Acc	52.23	55.50	-0.60	0.12
Far East Acc	71.01	75.45	+0.10	0.42
European Acc	56.18	59.78	-0.18	0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	4.116	4.364		1.94
US Eqs (US$)	2.996	3.083		1.09
Far East Eqs (yen)	248.30	269.76		...
FT Europe	138.70	146.90		1.38
FT N Amer (US$)	2.207	2.336		0.47
FT Japan (yen)	207.98	220.80		...
FT Asia Exlap (US$)	2.598	2.759		0.93
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	454.40	482.90	-2.80	...
British #	1144.90	1211.30†	-14.40	3.11
Emging Mkts	135.90	144.80	-0.70	0.45
European	581.70	618.30†	-0.40	0.52
Japan	140.80	149.80†	+0.60	..
New Pacific	391.10	416.50	-2.70	1.54
-do- Accum	416.90	444.00	-2.90	1.54
Inv Trust Acc	274.60	291.10	-2.30	0.82
Mngd Equity	188.00	199.80	-1.50	1.65
Mngd Cash	95.89	95.89	+0.04	6.07
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 360				
Equity	927.90	992.40	-12.80	2.63
North American	138.70	164.40	-1.26	...
Far East	180.10	192.50	-0.90	0.07
Wwide Bond	80.20	83.94†	+0.76	5.14
European	108.30	116.80†	-1.90	1.62
Equity Income #	99.35	105.20	-1.30	3.33
Portfolio	94.15	100.70	-1.90	2.14
UK Leading Cos	67.77	72.28	-1.11	3.05
Tracker Trusts				
Intl Equity	70.67	75.58	+0.02	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Amerco UT	22.45	23.89†	-0.07	0.76
European	41.49	44.14†	-0.56	0.67
High Income	33.76	35.91†	-0.27	4.28
Japan	35.32	37.58†	+0.12	0.01
Managed Assets	132.93	141.33	-1.60	2.53
North American	37.07	39.44†	-0.45	0.92
Smlr Co's Inc	32.86	34.51	-0.03	2.44
Smlr Co's Acc	34.36	36.56†	-0.04	2.44
UK Growth Inc	59.96	63.76	-0.65	2.74
UK Growth Acc	66.04	70.05†	-0.72	2.74
UK Income	43.40	46.42	-0.68	3.16
Worldwide Gth	37.34	39.84	-0.26	0.92
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	59.83	61.89	-1.55	2.66
European Exempt	86.86	89.55	-1.22	1.93
Pacific Exempt	80.30	82.20†	+0.81	0.86
US Exempt	89.56	89.24†	-0.93	1.85
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	53.15	56.54†	-0.13	2.81
Cap Protector Inc	42.42	45.13†	-0.20	2.81
UK Income Inc	54.39	57.85	-0.52	3.24
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	33.86	36.01†	-0.24	6.14
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.50	89.03	-0.58	4.45
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	79.50	84.64	-0.77	3.39
UK Smaller Cos	36.80	38.94†	-0.07	1.78
Pacific Gth Port	48.27	51.35	-0.27	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 345 794				
American	255.30	270.30	-2.80	...
-do- Accum	281.30	297.87	-3.09	...
Brit Growth	106.02	112.19†	-1.53	2.00
-do- Accum	129.95	137.98†	-1.87	2.00
European	110.80	117.25	-1.92	...
-do- Accum	117.93	124.79	-2.05	...
Extra Income	199.28	210.85	-2.41	4.65
-do- Accum	351.34	371.58	-4.25	4.65
Smaller Cos	79.45	84.07†	-0.14	1.32
-do- Accum	90.30	95.58†	-0.15	1.32
General	313.78	334.16	-4.25	2.18
-do- Accum	661.58	700.08	-8.92	2.18
Premier Income	48.62	51.69†	-0.65	7.12
-do- Accum	118.18	125.10	-0.13	7.12
Income	350.93	371.35	-4.74	3.55
-do- Accum	783.27	828.85	-10.59	3.55
Pacific	411.90	435.87	-0.78	...
-do- Accum	432.69	457.99	-0.83	...
International	579.84	613.58†	-6.19	...
-do- Accum	783.90	888.42†	-7.17	...
Nat Resources	162.39	171.73†	-1.68	...
Sfield Opps	128.48	127.50†	-1.48	1.50
-do- Accum	135.82	144.69†	-1.93	1.50
Environmental Inv	68.43	72.44	-0.73	1.34
Selector	67.25	71.17†	-1.49	1.73
-do- Accum	77.30	81.79†	-0.86	1.73
High Income	66.48	70.30	-0.76	4.45
-do- Accum	86.62	91.66†	-0.99	4.45
Intl Income	61.69	64.64†	-0.36	5.19
-do- Accum	78.23	82.78†	-0.45	5.19
Selector Income	62.64	66.50†	-0.57	4.36
-do- Accum	76.84	81.32†	-0.69	4.36
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 657 1018				
British	361.08	381.64	-4.27	2.84
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 480 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	220.13	234.41	-2.36	2.36
Glob Balncd Inc	182.86	195.10†	-2.15	4.89
Balm Tst Inc	130.92	140.02	-1.39	3.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.64	45.39	+0.09	7.89
European Growth	289.80	302.59	-2.77	0.55
Eastern	593.23	600.48	-6.75	2.77
Global Em Mkts	88.37	94.15†	-0.82	0.49
Japan Tst	82.80	85.85	+0.61	...
Little Dragons	59.97	65.25	-0.62	...
Nth Amer Grth	261.14	273.44	-3.29	0.69
Oriental Income #	43.82	47.76†	-0.30	2.36
Preference	124.79	130.07†	-0.52	8.89
Tiger	280.74	299.92	-1.70	...
UK Blue Chip	68.84	72.29	-1.08	1.88
UK Growth	559.34	595.29†	-6.65	2.16
UK High Yield #	187.42	172.49	-1.30	4.69
UK Mid-Cap	279.85	295.82†	-1.76	2.37
UK Smlr Cos	112.50	119.84	-0.23	1.89
UK Smlr Cos Div #	86.06	92.29	+0.33	3.54
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 590				
UK Equity Income	103.85	110.58	-0.87	3.46
UK Equity Growth	92.98	98.07†	-0.89	2.65
European	70.32	74.61†	-0.32	1.46
Nth American	70.72	75.11	+0.46	0.25
Far Eastern	71.53	76.10	-0.45	1.21
Money	50.00	50.00	+0.02	5.92
Fixed Interest	74.69	79.49	-0.42	6.45
Index Linked Gilt	69.09	73.07	-0.37	1.37
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD 0345 959595				
Income Trust	100.00	106.09	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Index Tracking ∅	117.11	117.11†	[illegible]	[illegible]
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	24.94	26.95	-0.32	...
Pacific Basin	46.11	47.49	-0.55	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.885	0.927	-0.007	...
Penny Share	42.80	46.15	-0.25	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 3444				
Challenger	97.35	98.80	-0.11	2.96
Short Dtd Gilt	117.98	118.40	-0.20	...
US Gvt Bd (US$)	0.7610	0.7715	-0.0025	...
Gilt Income	30.28	32.94†	-0.08	7.09
Gilt Growth	22.32	23.28	-0.09	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mngd	50.11	52.89	[illegible]	...
UK Stockmarket	47.65	50.30	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Rate) † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle prices. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. ∅ Exit Charge.



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Always something new out of Africa

Visitors to the Royal Academy's great *Africa* show could be excused for imagining that art throughout the continent somehow petered out in our own age. But the *Africa 95* season, now enlivening so many galleries across Britain, demolishes that supposition. The major contemporary exhibition is housed at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, where *Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa* pinpoints seven countries and defines their singular achievements since the 1960s. In each case, the selection has been made by an insider, an artist or historian with an eyewitness's grasp of recent developments.

The Quest is the open-ended title chosen by Chika Okeke for an exploration of different movements in Nigerian art. The section is prefaced by Erhabor Emokpae's painting *Struggle Between Life and Death*. Executed in 1962, its black-and-white geometrical starkness centres on the image of a head and outflung hands. This urge to overcome runs through the entire exhibition.

In Nigeria, artistic liberation has come by merging indigenous traditions with fruitful Western influences. The tension between them gives much of the work its dynamic, and in the section devoted to Sudan and Ethiopia a further division becomes apparent. For modern Sudanese artists tried to make sense of the gulf between the Arabic and African sides of their country. Kamala Ibrahim Ishaq is inspired by traditional ceremonies, but in *Images in Crystal Cubes* she also shows an awareness of Francis Bacon. The Ethiopian artist Elizabeth Atnafu's *Shrine for Angelica's Dreams* is the most spectacular exhibit, bringing together a cornucopia of religious icons, plastic soldiers, flowers and dolls.

For sheer theatricality, though, the Senegal section is impossible to resist. Visitors move through a curtain into an arena where colossal painted canvases dangle freely from the ceiling. A raised platform acts as an outsize plinth for wooden crosses and other, equally emotive props. It looks like a stage set, and many of these objects were made for performances at the Laboratoire Agit-Art, an artists' collective in Dakar. The harshest emotions are found upstairs, where South Africa kicks off with a room dominated by heartfelt paintings of the martyrdom of Steve Biko. Sam Nhlengethwa, Paul Stopforth and Alfred Thoba all make moving images about Biko's death in detention. In the next room Kevin Atkinson's *White African Landscape* seems at first glance like a fiercely expressionist response to heat of the countryside. But part of its turbulence derives from Atkinson's awareness that 87 per cent of the country's land was given to white settlers in a 1913 parliamentary Act.

As we move on to Uganda and Kenya, the mood becomes increasingly tragic. The politicial regimes of Idi Amin and Milton Obote scarred the imaginations of native artists, and Josephine Alacu's *Mother's Nightmare* dramatises the anguish of a woman dreaming that her child has been devoured by an insatiable monster.

> "The harshest emotions are in a room of paintings of the martyrdom of South Africa's Steve Biko"

The emphasis on internecine combat and oppression continues in the final room with Kenyan artists, who are often self-taught. Richard Onyango's immense painting of a catastrophic train crash presides over the space, like a rumbustious painterly equivalent of a wide-screen disaster movie. A flooded river has swept away half the carriages, and Onyango reinforces the brutality of the event with the vigour of his muscular brushmarks. The Ugandan artist Francis Nnaggenda sums up the strength of the exhibition by declaring: "Destruction exists but the spirit must survive — amputated but still full of resistance."

Buoyancy is the overriding temper of the Serpentine Gallery's enjoyable Big City: Artists from Africa show. Unlike the Whitechapel survey, it concentrates on individuals and gives each one an abundance of space. Cyprien Tokoudagba, accustomed to decorating shrines and temples with murals in his native Benin, is able to fill all four walls of the largest room with exclamatory paintings. Addicted to gods, especially if branches or triple heads sprout from hair necks, he handles the wide white surfaces with seasoned verve. Indeed, the Whitechapel's violence and suffering are hard to find in this effervescent exhibition.

Some of the small drawings in ballpoint and coloured crayon by the prolific Frédéric Bruly Bouabré tackle the savagery of racial conflicts. But his childlike style is more often playful and fantastic, reflecting his own belief in the visionary, God-inspired origins of his talent.

Bodys Isek Kingelez spirals off into a frankly surreal world. Based in Zaire, this indefatigable and witty artist builds proliferating cities out of wrapping paper, cardboard, plastic and any other materials he can find. The resourcefulness of his approach is quintessentially African in its improvisation, and the epic construction called *Kimbéville* is the high point of the whole show. Peppered with post-modern buildings whose function escapes definition, this bizarre yet oddly persuasive town bristles with unpredictable energy.

Not everything at the Serpentine is a success. Georges Adéagbo's installations, combining found objects with written messages, are long-winded and hard to decipher. But Seydou Keita's photographs of friends and clients in his native Mali are rich in psychological insight, wry play-acting and a marvellous instinct for the revealing pose.

Caribbean experience is the theme running through the defiantly individual contributions to New World Imagery: Contemporary Jamaican Art at the Arnolfini in Bristol. All the same, this lively touring show points out that over 95 per cent of Jamaica's population are the descendants of Africans taken there during the slave trade. All the diverse artists on view here owe a profound debt to the sculptor Edna Manley's attempts, after her arrival on the island in the 1920s, to nurture an identifiably Jamaican visual culture.

Most of the painters have a strong expressionist flavour. Milton George sets biblical figures in primordial landscapes, and is unafraid of vehement colour heightened by loose, impassioned brushwork. Leonard Daley is even more impetuous, crowding his surfaces with clamorous clusters of figures and animals who leer, gesticulate, threaten and dance with beguiling gusto.

Such headlong work could hardly be further removed from the stillness and secrecy cultivated by Anna Henriques. Of Portuguese-Jewish descent, she tries to bring about a fusion of European and indigenous Arawak influences. Often presented in the form of cupboards and dressers, she ensures that doors and drawers open to disclose trinkets and archaeological remains arranged like burial offerings within.

The most polemical images are provided by David Boxer, the director of the National Gallery in Kingston and a doughty champion of Jamaican art. His haunting collage sequence, *Memories of Colonisation*, shows grandiose European interiors invaded by African masks and photographs of injured bodies. The sense of melancholy and waste is poignantly conveyed, and the paintings by Omari Ra "African" of hunched figures are equally anguished. But the overall feeling of the show is resilient. After centuries of subservience Jamaica is discovering its independent identity, and artists play a central role in giving this emancipation form.

● Seven Stories. *Whitechapel Art Gallery (0171-377 0107) until Nov 26.* Big City, *Serpentine Gallery (0171-402 6075) until Nov 5.* New World Imagery, *Arnolfini, Bristol (0117-929 9191) until Nov 12*



Kenya's Josephine Alacu's *Mother's Nightmare*, in the Modern Africa exhibition at the Whitechapel

Plaudits for everyday stories of country folk

Ryedale may be the 1995 Museum of the Year, but it is under threat from theme parks, **Simon Tait** reports

As you approach Hutton-le-Hole from the south, Ryedale Folk Museum is not signposted, and even outside its door you have to look very hard at a dingy sign standing on the verge to be sure you have arrived. One of the Museum of the Year judges drove straight past it and into the North Yorkshire Moors: "Well worth the mistake," he reported.

The mistake might still be a costly one for the museum, whose visitors and commensurate earning power dipped dangerously near the 40,000-a year mark in 1994 from its 50,000 of a couple of years ago. All its income comes through the front door, either in admission charges or shop takings, which makes the proliferating competition of theme parks in the region a serious threat.

But the undeterred judges have made Ryedale the 1995 National Heritage IBM Museum of the Year, preferring it to the likes of the National Museum of Wales and Coventry's Herbert Art Gallery. At first glance it is not obvious why.

It is still more or less the result of one local man's mania for collecting bits and bobs, it has no café, its high-tech stretches as far as light switches in some places, and though it was one of the first open-air museums in the country when it opened in 1966 it has long been superseded by the likes of Ironbridge, Beamish and the Black Country Museum.

The only object it has ever bought, with the help of the Museums and Galleries Commission, was a gypsy caravan and half the £400 price was the fee of the signwriter who painted it. But the Ryedale museum has just spent £250,000 on itself, not so much to attract more visitors, says curator Martin Watts, as to be a better museum for those who already come, 5,000 of whom are children. The money has come from a host of charities and the local authority.

Ryedale Folk Museum was founded in 1966 by a Huttonborn former gamekeeper, Bert Frank, who had developed an enthusiasm for arcane agricultural implements from trying to mend them, and then for traditional Yorkshire buildings from helping neighbours to re-erect their old barns and cruck cottages. He developed the three acres behind a cottage he lived in with a chemist's shop, a saddlery, a village grocery, then a cottage, then a larger one, then a manor house, then an Elizabethan glass foundry. Everything is given, and the buildings are either transplants from near by or reconstructions.

Watts is the third curator and one of his first additions was the corrugated iron studio of the local photographer, William Hayes, who first set it up in York and then, in 1911, dismantled it, put it on a horsedrawn cart, and trundled it to Hutton where his son ran it after William's death in 1940. All the many photographs in the studio of Hutton and surrounds were taken by the Hayeses, and the star exhibit is a vibrant image of William's 1904 wedding reception, in the studio, with the vicar glaring from the end of the table over a cup of tea.

There is a shop but no café because it would take trade away from the two already operating in the village. And the income is just enough to cover expenses, thanks to the volunteers — from the folk who stand behind the grocery's counter or bang bits of iron in the forge and chat to visitors, to the local Quaker warden who is cataloguing the costume collection and has so far produced 400 drawings.

There are no actors dressed up as Roman soldiers or 19th-century agricultural workers, just friendly natterers with memories. There is a witch's hut, unashamedly unsound historically, complete with cauldron, cat and witch. There are students from the Institute of Advanced Architecture at York plastering a manor house wall for the experience. There have been children from a local special school restoring a mobile lambing hut.

"I think this award is for all the volunteers who make this museum what it is," says Watts. "It's easy for us to keep saying thank you, but this shows what people from outside Ryedale think. They think it's pretty good."

● *Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-le-Hole, York (01751 417367)*

ASADOUR GUZELIAN



Ryedale Folk Museum is still more or less the result of one Yorkshireman's mania for collecting bits and bobs

AROUND THE GALLERIES

IF "costume jewellery" suggests some cheap but glittery adjunct to the rag trade, the historical Chinese equivalent illustrated by *Adornment for Eternity* will prove an eye-opener. The point about these pieces of often highly wrought bronze, gold and jade, is that they were vital indices of rank and status, and were intended as indicators not only in this world but in the life to come. Most of the earlier jewels included consequently come from tombs, and the exhibits range in date from the Shang dynasty, around the 13th century BC, up to the Ming, before 1644. Another expectation which the show confounds is that everything from China will look recognisably Chinese. The earliest piece here, gold and turquoise earrings found on the northern borders, must come from much further west, and several of the pieces from the Warring States period (4th and 3rd centuries BC) could be taken for Viking or Celtic. The beauty of design and workmanship and the fascination of the background history make the show unmissable.

Eskenazi, 10 Clifford Street, W1 (0171-493 5464) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, until Dec 15.

☐ Morris Kestelman, now 90, was a pupil of Meninsky, and some influence is visible in his figures-in-landscapes, especially when the figures are heavy-limbed women and the landscapes Mediterranean. There were also times in the 1930s, as with the series of circus scenes, when he came close to Ardizzone and Barnett Freedman. Later still-lifes suggest William Scott, while pictures of goats and Spanish fishermen look Neo-Romantic. But throughout all these changes an individual voice is heard.

Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (0171-624 1126) Wed-Sat 11am-6pm, to Nov 18.

☐ Between the wars every stage of modernism in British painting was endlessly and often bitterly contested. The lino cut, with its associations of primary-school craft classes, was much too humble to attract a like attention. It was therefore, presumably, not by chance that Claude Flight and his associates at the Grosvenor School hit on it as their best bet for freedom of artistic expression. The images they then produced were boldly simplified, in a fashion which we would now think of as Deco. Now two exhibitions highlight the work of three prominent members of the group: Cyril Power and Sybil Andrews at Redfern, and Lill Tschudi at Coram. Power was responsible for some of the most exciting and haunting images, notably *The Tube Station* (1932), which seems to summon up the whole spirit of the movement. Tschudi is still, at the age of 84, working in the medium.

Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until Nov 16.
Coram Gallery, 10 Lamb's Conduit Passage, WC1 (0171-404 2040), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm (Wed to 7.30pm), until Fri.

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THE TIMES ARTS



DANCE

Two new faces at Covent Garden as the Royal Ballet opens its season with Dowell's *Swan Lake*



THEATRE

No virtuous victim for Anastasia Hille in Cheek by Jowl's touring production of *The Duchess of Malfi*

DEE CONWAY



Lakeside vigil: Act II of Anthony Dowell's clean-cut production of *Swan Lake*, which opened the Royal Ballet's new season at Covent Garden

Pleased to meet you both

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

The injury that sidelined Darcey Bussell last week deprived us of her presence at the opening of the Royal Ballet's new season on Saturday night. It was the second year in a row that Bussell missed the season opener because of injury and, understandably, she was extremely disappointed. But if *ballet-goers were disappointed by the* sudden change of cast, it couldn't have been long before they were charmed to *make the acquaintance of Bussell's* replacement, Miyako Yoshida.

Yoshida is the Royal's new principal dancer, who comes to Covent Garden this season after ten years with the Royal's sister company, now based in Birmingham. There she distinguished herself in the classics — her Aurora is a sight to behold — and after her performance on Saturday night it was clear she intends to make her mark at Covent Garden with equal conviction.

Despite the fussy intrusions of Yolanda Sonnabend's busy designs, which set *Swan Lake* in what looks like a dusty antique shop, Anthony Dowell's production is very clean-cut. That *suits a purist like Yoshida, who* invests the dual role with no dancing mannerisms, no flamboyant embellishments or stylistic gilding. What you get with Yoshida is the choreography, straight and simple, in all its glory.

As Odette, her first moves were full of frailty and mournfulness. But very quickly Yoshida established a rapport with Zoltan Solymosi's Siegfried that gave her Odette the confidence to unleash a spirited telling of her sad tale. It was as if having seen the prince, she suddenly found herself frustrated at being a woman trapped in a swan's body, straining to be free once again.

As Odile, Yoshida transformed herself into a creditable temptress, enjoying the chance to taunt Siegfried. Her amazing facility for turns came in handy; she even threw in double pirouettes for good measure during the 32 fouetté turns.

Act IV was the real highlight, though. Everyone, including the corps de ballet, generated a froth of urgency that dispatched the protagonists to their death.

Solymosi supported Yoshida admirably throughout; his strength providing a perfect complement to her softness. His partnering was affectionate and solicitous, approaching her in the Act II pas de deux like someone aware of the damage he could cause to her fragile wings.

There were other gems among the rest of the cast. Nicola Roberts and Deborah Bull were just about the finest pas de trois women imaginable, both beautiful and vivacious. Sandra Conley was elegant as Siegfried's mother, and Bethany Keating and Georgina Roberts, as the Young Girls in Act I, had the aplomb of adults.

Another new regular face joined us in the pit. Viktor Fedotov, who comes from the Kirov, was conducting the Royal Opera House Orchestra for the first time. He made Tchaikovsky's score sound fresh despite its familiarity, and took it at a ripsnaring pace that forced the musicians into more authority and thrust than is usual from a ballet orchestra in Britain.

DEBRA CRAINE

Chip off the evil block

The Duchess of Malfi
Oxford Playhouse

THE Lear family is not what it was. These days you are more likely to see a production in which Goneril and Regan are the victims of psychological abuse, and Cordelia is father's spoilt brat or egoistic pet, than one in which they straightforwardly represent evil and good.

But the three siblings in Webster's *Malfi* have changed *little since the modern theatre* made their acquaintance. The Duchess is good. The Cardinal and Duke Ferdinand, who destroy her after she has made a downmarket marriage, are bad. And that, more or less, is that.

Declan Donnellan's spare, lucid production for Cheek by Jowl manages to take a fresh look at the trio without falling into the topsy-turvey world that has afflicted the extremer revivals of *Lear*. Only Paul Brennen's Cardinal, a sadist who has borrowed his lips and specs as well as his nature from Himmler, belongs to a firm moral category from the outset. Scott Handy's Duke exudes fresh-faced insecurity rather than arrogance or malice, and is regarded by the others as the family fool. When he tries to threaten her out of making a second marriage, Anastasia Hille's Duchess slaps him in the face, grabs the weapon from his hand, and contemptuously throws it away.

Here is the evening's main innovation. This Duchess is *not some virtuous alien from* outer space, nor one of nature's victims, but a chip off the same block as her brothers. In her long spangled gown (the period is 1920ish) she looks like the late Queen Mary: upright, severe, but with an assurance and toughness all her own. She has her sensitive, anguished moments, as she must, but she does not go brokenly into that good night. The famous line she directs at her murderers, "I am Duchess of Malfi still", comes across as a massive sneer, aimed at the pride of all princes, not excluding herself. She dies almost scornfully, smoking what is presumably a cigar called Hamlet.

There are several original yet textually justifiable touches *en route* to this quietly defiant climax. Hille's oddly cold parting from Matthew Macfadyen, playing her husband Antonio, suggests that the pressures have eroded their feelings for each other. Her scenes with Handy's Duke make it clear that their strange symbiosis goes back to the nursery. There, she was presumably the dominant twin. At any rate, he emerges as an unformed boy whose games have turned dangerous and mad with the coming of power: blind man's buff with a dead man's hand as prize.

I never quite believed he ended up padding wolfishly through graveyards with bits of exhumed people on his back; but the production does not lack intensity elsewhere. Chanting priests and phalanxes of men in black suits moving diagonally across a mostly bare stage add to the *dark, sinister atmosphere. So* does the spy and assassin Bosola, in George Anton's performance a Scots black-shirt with a cadging manner and a stoic inner-self. The production, currently zigzagging from Dublin to London via Australia and America, Coventry, Blackpool and, on this occasion, the Oxford Playhouse, is well worth your time.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Cleo Laine, Gloria Estefan, Elton John and Lord Menuhin are just a few among them. Other "novelties" include a signed and dedicated score from Benjamin Britten, and opportunities to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra on New Year's Eve and for an ensemble to record a demo album. **Phillips**, Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 6602). 7pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

LIVERPOOL: Derek Deane takes his *Alice In Wonderland on the road for* English National Ballet, after premiering it last week in Southampton. Family fun and magic, with Sue Blane's clever sets *that include a delightful Mad Hatter's tea* party, a flying house, and a corps de ballet that has been turned into a pack of playing cards.
Empire, Lime Street (0151-709 1555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: *Opening night for the final production this season:* Euripides's The Phoenician Women. The sons of Oedipus battle brutally for the throne in a sick land, watched by horror-struck women on their way to Delphi. Katie Mitchell directs
Other Place, Southern Lane (01789 295623) *Tonight, 7pm: next on Nov 4. In* rep with *The Painter of Dishonour*. Ⓢ

LEEDS: Last week of performances here for Warren Mitchell as King Lear With Trevor Baxter as Gloucester, Michael Cashman as Albany and Mona Miles as Cordelia. Jude Kelly's *production transfers to London's* Hackney Empire next month
West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill (0113 244 2111). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm: mats Wed, 2pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Art of African Textiles (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Hellenistic World: Art and Culture (0171-636 1555) . **Kenwood**: Mrs Jordan — The Duchess of Drury Lane (0181-348 1286) . . . **National Gallery**: Myths and Fables: Three Paintings by Piero di Cosimo(0171-747 2885) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: John Korbal Photographic Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . . **Saatchi**: Young British Artists V (0171-624 8299) . . . **Serpentine**: Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) . . **Tate**: Dynasties: Paintings in *Tudor and Jacobean England* (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Design Now: San Lorenzo Silversmiths Studio, Milan (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **COMMUNICATING DOORS**: Alan *Ayckbourn's ingenious time-travel play.* Julia McKenzie flees from a vengeful enemy via the doors of a hotel.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5530). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Ⓢ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The quirky *comedian returns for another season of* surreal musings on life.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE**: Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's *warm-hearted comedy.* Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045) *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Sat, 3pm.* Ⓢ

☐ **JOLSON**: The story of the first man to speak in movies, with Brian Conley in the lead and a sequence of songs from the Jolson repertoire. Rob Bettinson directs a £2 million musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). *Now previewing,* 7.30pm, opens Oct 26, 7pm. Ⓢ

Ⓢ **MACK AND MABEL**: The Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand unfold and clash. Fine songs, though a troublesome book. Paul Kerryson directs Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Sullivan in the leads.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) Previews begin tonight, *7.45pm. Opens Nov 7, 7pm.*

☐ **THE MASTER BUILDER**: Peter Hall's cosy version of Ibsen, with Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and newcomer Victoria Hamilton.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **A PATRIOT FOR ME**: James Wilby plays the glum Austro-Hungarian officer trapped by his homosexuality into betraying his emperor. John Osborne's spur play, *directed by Peter Gill.*
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. Ⓢ

☐ **STRIKE**. Strong and searing dramatization of an excerpt from Hubert Selby's celebrated novel *Last Exit to Brooklyn. Not for the squeamish.*
Finborough, Finborough Road, SW10 (0171-373 3842). Tonight-Sun, 8pm.

Ⓢ **SALAD DAYS**: The magic piano plays again. Touring production of the engaging Julian Slade/Dorothy Reynolds musical, with Kit and the *Widow of the company, and directed* by Ned Sherrin
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

Ⓢ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who *withered his childhood.*
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Ⓢ **VOLPONE**: Michael Gambon subtle and fascinating in the title role, with a wily Simon Russell Beale.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

☐ **WHAT A SHOW!**: Musical spectacular revolving around Tommy Steele.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-8393 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Dead Guilty**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . Ⓢ **Dealer's Choice**: Vaudeville (0171-836 9987) . . ☐ **The Importance of Being Earnest**: Old Vic (0171-928 7616) . . . Ⓢ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . . Ⓢ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CANADIAN BACON (PG). The US *strafes Canada with insults. Clumsy,* one-joke comedy from documentary maverick Michael Moore, with John Candy and Alan Alda.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **CLUELESS** (12). Life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers. Frivolous fun from director Amy Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MORTAL KOMBAT** (15). Cinema version of the video game, all fights and *special effects. With Christopher* Lambert. Director, Paul Anderson
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NINE MONTHS** (12). Hugh Grant's Hollywood debut: a messy, crude comedy about parenthood from *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus. With Julianne Moore
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 5705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772)

IL POSTINO (U). Heart-warming delight about a simple man opening his eyes to poetry. Wonderful performance by the late Massimo Troisi; directed by Michael Radford.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

CURRENT

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15). Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas and Julianne Moore. Director, Richard Donner
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE BIG SLEEP (PG). Classic 1940s *thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip* Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ **BRAVEHEART** (15). Overly blood-thirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scottish rebel William Wallace
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234)

◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12). Bumpy romantic comedy with Billy Crystal and Debra Winger
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart, Rosana Pastor
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

NIGHTWATCH (18): Morgue nightwatchman gets the jitters. Danish thriller with a few classy trimmings. Director, Ole Bornedal.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U). Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King.*
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915593) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THE WILD BUNCH (18): William Holden's outlaws have one last, bloody fling. Sam Peckinpah's classic Western of 1969, with ten minutes restored.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

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Wexford does it again. A trio of fine productions is capped by Rimsky-Korsakov's *May Night*



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■ MUSIC

A celebration of musical beauty at the LSO, as Colin Davis delivers his first concert as principal conductor



■ POP

Boy George begins his musical comeback with a no-nonsense rock'n'roll gig at Shepherds Bush

Even the bad times are good

OPERA: Rodney Milnes on a typically imaginative programme at this year's Wexford Festival; plus (below) the music saves the day in a Britten revival

Are performances at Wexford getting too good? In earlier days there was nearly always the impression that one of the three new productions opening on successive evenings had got on stage by the skin of its teeth (I once delivered a set on a hand-cart ten minutes before curtain rise, hardly my job); that another had missed out on the budget, and that granny's dressing-up cupboard had played a significant part in the costuming. There was a feeling of amateurism in the best possible sense — of a community putting the show on right here in this barn — that gave Wexford its atmosphere.

This year all three shows were extremely well conducted, glamorously cast, inventively designed and exhaustively rehearsed. The National Symphony Orchestra and the Festival Chorus achieved new standards of excellence. It was almost like any other festival, and the audience has become like any other festival audience — reluctant to return from the many bars in the intervals (in the old days there *were* no bars) and indiscriminate in its lusty bravo-ing.

But Wexford will never be quite like any other festival as long as the management — this was Luigi Ferrari's first year as artistic director — continues to stage works that have remained on the fringes of the repertory, if not lapsed from it altogether. This policy remains a magnet to opera-buffs the world over. All three works this year were worth doing, even if the reasons sometimes proved negative rather than positive.

May Night is early Rimsky-Korsakov, (1880) based on one of Gogol's folk-tale collection, *Evenings Near Dikanka*. Rimsky set it as a short story: its dramatic structure is delightfully haphazard and inconsequential, its broad humour and rustic charm quite irresistible. Mayor and son are in competition for the same girl; water nymphs surrealistically

> All three works were worth doing, even for negative reasons

adept at forging letters encompass the Happy End. The music is folk-based, slightly tongue-in-cheekily academic in its working out, deftly orchestrated. The young Russian conductor Vladimir Yurovsky led a tightly disciplined, brilliantly colourful account of the score.

The cast was superlative: Vladimir Matorin (Mayor), Vyacheslav Weinorowski (a trouble-making Distiller) and Anatoly Lochak (drunken Charcoal-burner): three much larger-than-life comic performers. Irina Dolzhenko and Vsevelod Grivnov were heroine and hero with ideally Slavonic but steady soprano and tenor sound; and the Scottish mezzo Frances McCafferty more than held her own amid all these Russians as the Gilbertian butt of everyone's humour.

Part of Stephen Medcalf's job as producer must have been to keep all these sacred monsters in some kind of order, which he did with admirable discretion as well as devising a clear staging in Francis O'Connor's atmospheric set. Pure pleasure from first to last and one of Wexford's great evenings.

Mascagni's Iris is an opera everyone has heard of because it turns up regularly in quizzes as the one in which the heroine dies in a sewer (more properly an open drain). It is also on my list as the worst opera ever written, fighting for top place with Giordano's *Fedora*. By 1898 Mascagni has got "art" in a big way: out go the punch-in-the-gut big tunes of *Cavalleria Rusticana*, in come pseudo-intellect, long-windedness and Teutonic orchestration.

The Japanese maiden of the title is lusted after by the tenor, imprisoned in a brothel by the baritone and, when she fails to deliver, shoved down the waste-disposal unit — and that's it. The lip-smacking relish with which the action unfolds in Luigi Illica's libretto makes the whole caboodle as offensive as it is pretentious.

Iris was exceptionally well performed, elegantly designed by Maurizio Balò, lusciously produced at face value by Lorenzo Mariani and beautifully lit (as was the Rimsky) by Guido Levi. The conductor Bruno Aprea played every single bar for all its nonworth. The Japanese Michie Nakamaru (Iris) has a well-schooled lyric-near-spinto soprano, and, of course, the *physique du rôle*.

The Slovak tenor Ludovit Ludha did much more than just belt the tenor role — he sang it with more finesse than it perhaps deserved and the American baritone Roy Stevens was suitably repellent as the brothel keeper.

The Sicilian Giovanni Pacini (1796-1867) was a prolific (more than 80 operas) and successful composer whose works have virtually disappeared. When you remember that he was writing at the same time as Donizetti and Verdi you can see why: he is not exactly bad, but in the face of that sort of competition he is not quite good enough either. In Saffo (Naples 1840) he seemed to be trying to compose a Bellini opera. The poet from Lesbos alienates her husband Faone and the Priest of Leucas by denouncing the traditional suicide leap from the Leucadian rock. Later she makes friends with Climene and agrees to sing at her wedding, only to discover that the groom is none other than Faone. She desecrates the altar and is sentenced to leap from the rock by the Priest, who turns out to be her long-lost father. A crowded day.

So, lots of opportunities for ladies carolling in thirds, a thundering priest and an unsatisfactory tenor hero — shades of *Norma*. But Pacini's *ariosos* are lame and his tunes lack shape; he is competent, no more, and only for about 20 minutes in the last act does the music rise to the occasion.

But again, Wexford made the strongest possible case for the composer, musically at least (the production was blandly nondescript). The conductor Maurizio Benini had perfect command of Italianate rubato, granting the score maximum expressiveness, and Wexford had lured an outstanding quartet of principals: Francesca Pedaci, a mettlesome, characterful dramatic soprano for the title role; Mariana Pentcheva, a sumptuously full-toned mezzo from Bulgaria, as Climene; the highly promising Italo-Uruguayan Carlo Ventre with full, ringing top notes; and Roberto De Candia coping fearlessly with the Priest's high baritone role. Lots of full-blooded, excited singing, which is what Italian opera needs.



From left: Maxim Mikhailov, Vyacheslav Weinorowski, Vladimir Matorin in a superb production of *May Night*

Out to rock

BOY GEORGE's latest album, *Cheapness And Beauty*, is a return to the kind of no-nonsense rock'n'roll that the man next door would understand, and he began this show with its opening track, *Funtime*, a glam pastiche fuelled by a twin axe attack from two guitarists who had styled their hair into massive quiffs and shook their heads in time to the music.

The rest of the band featured Lady Zee, a big woman with a voice and beehive hairdo to match, Winston Blisset on heavy dub bass, a drummer and a keyboard player.

POP

Boy George
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The set was largely made up of songs from the new album, intercut with a stream of witty, frequently bitchy, asides. "Any queens in the house?" he asked at one point, before dedicating *Satan's Butterfly Ball* to the late Leigh Bowery, and receiving the kind of cheer that suggested there were quite a few.

Several songs were vicious barbs for people from Boy George's past, most notably *Genocide Peroxide* for Marilyn and the bitterly sad ballad *Unfinished Business* for Kirk Brandon. In between he kept his old fans happy by playing *Do You Really Want To Hurt Me?* and *Karma Chameleon*, but made it clear that he had now broken away from his dance-orientated mould. "I no longer wish to be seen as a cabaret act," he said.

Maybe this is why he also included a cover of Lee Hazlewood's *These Boots are Made for Walkin'* and closed the set with *Get It On*, a tribute to his teenage hero Marc Bolan and a signpost to Boy George's rock'n'roll future.

ANN SCANLON



Steven Page, as the ambivalent military master Spencer Coyle

Revolving but not riveting

Owen Wingrave
Glyndebourne

THIS is the year for another crack at Benjamin Britten's peace-parable of an opera, *Owen Wingrave*. Originally written for television, although fully intended for transfer to the stage, the opera has been notable for its absence in both media. There has been no professional stage production in this country since the Covent Garden premiere in 1973.

With characteristic nerve and determination, Glyndebourne Touring Opera has placed *Owen Wingrave* at the head of its autumn itinerary. And if anything could reinstate the opera in the country's favour, and its auditoriums, it would be this new production.

The Canada-based theatre director Robin Phillips has turned to that trusty old friend, the revolve, to assimilate the televisual concepts of cross-fade, flashback and superimposition inherent in the opera's structure. His designer, Hisham Ali, provides a handsome set dominated by the bold verticals of moral rectitude. Pillars, flag standards, and the banisters of a central staircase echo nicely the moral deportment of the house of Wingrave, stiff of back and upper lip, in a military tradition from which Owen revolts and is disinherited.

Like the phantoms of Britten's other Henry James opera, *The Turn of the Screw*, horseguards, servants, and finally the ancestral family ghosts themselves pass and circle through its shadows. Turn, and Wingrave is in Hyde Park; turn, turn again, and he is arguing it out in the home of Spencer Coyle or at the family seat at Paramore.

But the set is not, alas, the only thing that goes round in circles. Wingrave remains a mouthpiece for a static and one-dimensional statement of pacificism: everyone else is the enemy. By the time dinner is over, and the family gallery of grotesques have finished taunting him, our patience, as well as poor Owen's, is sorely tried. To lock himself in a room with a pair of ghosts must have seemed something of a relief.

The wonder at the heart of all this is Britten's score. In Ivor Bolton's hands, the GTO Orchestra reveal it as the brilliant, if disengaged, masterwork it is.

William Dazeley gives his all to the thankless role of Owen. Neil Jenkins is outstanding as the ballad singer, while Steven Page sensitively unfolds the most interesting part of all, the (slightly) ambivalent military master, Spencer Coyle.

The women are extremely hard put to mould character out of caricature; though Elizabeth Gale brings real vocal eloquence to her Mrs Julian.

HILARY FINCH

TOMORROW IN *THE TIMES*

Matters musical from Rossini's jolly *Barber of Seville* to the wry lyrics of Loudon Wainwright III

Lessons from a master

LSO/Davis
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EVER true to himself, Sir Colin Davis turned his first concert as principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra into a celebration of beauty in music, and of the primacy of love over rancour. The work was Berlioz's "dramatic symphony" *Romeo and Juliet*, which was performed with wonderful understanding and skill.

Anybody who warms to music-making that has emotional depth and a delight in subtlety will count this as an extremely auspicious beginning. At the end, Davis was practically buried beneath bouquets of flowers presented by each section of the orchestra. Berlioz's *Romeo* is not so much a depiction of Shakespeare's play, more an intensely dramatic commentary upon it. The symphony took the composer nearly 20 years to complete, reflected his torrid feelings towards Harriet Smithson, the English actress whom he wooed exhaustively and finally married, and broke much new ground in musical terms.

That Berlioz placed so much emphasis on the reconciliation of the warring families — building it into a choral finale of spine-tingling ardour — is all the more remarkable when one considers that he would have seen the play in Garrick's adaptation, which removed this reconciliation altogether.

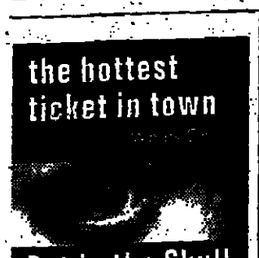
The work is full of stunningly innovative orchestral effects, as well as strange choral writing that hovers intriguingly between austere classicism (the chanting semi-chorus of the opening scenes) and opulent romanticism. But it does need a conductor with a sophisticated feel for nuance and colour.

Davis gave what was virtually a masterclass in the art of fluent direction. The tempo ebbed ever back and forth, the myriad delicate details of instrumental magic seemed to spring from the texture with just the right weight. To call this a masterclass, however, implies something calculated. What we had here was a consummate musician utterly engaged — mentally, instinctively and spiritually — with a score he knows inside-out.

And although this isn't the kind of music that instantly dazzles the gallery, there were dazzling things aplenty: marvellously baleful trombones at the outset; immaculate, will-o'-the-wisp woodwind playing; admirably precise and stylish singing from the London Symphony Chorus, and particularly from the tenors whom Berlioz cruelly directs towards regions rarely known to man; a perfectly blended cor anglais and horn tune in the Tomb Scene; and even the violas in virtuosic form in a Queen Mab Scherzo that scampered in an ethereal flurry. The soloists — Luciana D'Intino, Laurence Dale and, especially, the outstanding young Spanish bass Miguel Angel Zapater as a noble Friar Laurence — made their telling contributions to an enchanting evening.

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P.S. DUNN, Liquidator.

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NO. 006398 OF 1995
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Tel: 0171 600 0202 Ref: CEW
Solicitors for the above-named Company

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DATED this 24th day of October 1995.
Theodore Goddard
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No. 004999 of 1995
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DATED THIS 17th October 1995
A DOBSON, Director.

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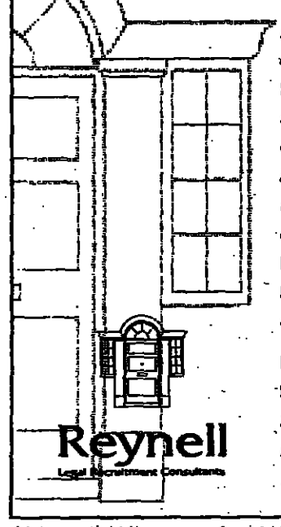
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Diana Parker urges caution not coercion for couples who want to divorce

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



A mediation session gets under way at a family divorce centre in Cambridge. But such a course of action is not suitable for everybody

☐ The Lord Chancellor's divorce-law reforms will be introduced in the next parliamentary session. They are aimed at reducing bitterness and hostility by ending the adversarial nature of the present "fault-based" divorce laws. The "quickie" divorce, which couples can obtain in six month, will be scrapped; divorce will be available only after a 12-month period for reflection, after arrangements are made for children and for property.

☐ Mediation — helping couples to sort out problems amicably — is a central feature. Last week Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, emphasising his own commitment to the institution of marriage, said that laws could not keep a broken marriage together. But laws could help to reduce conflict. At present couples go to lawyers and take up opposing positions. That did not make reconciliation easy or "encourage" communication. "I want couples to talk to each other . . . to be able to think through the consequences of divorce before it happens, not after, as happens now. I want them to think about what their marriage has to offer both them and their children before they decide whether or not to throw it away."

☐ Mediation was not about reconciliation. But its "focus on communication" offered a better way of saving marriages that were not "irretrievable".

Is mediation always best?

Taking professional advice when making a big financial decision is sensible — particularly when emotions are running high. I learnt this when I fell in love with my house at first viewing and offered the full asking price even before I had reached the top floor. Unfortunately, the asking price was several thousands more than I had thought.

This story may do nothing for my reputation for financial negotiation. But it illustrates a point about the Government's divorce reform proposals. These fall into two parts: the reform of the grounds for divorce by abolishing the concept of fault; and the introduction of mediation to the process. I am concerned with the latter point: though people should be encouraged to try mediation, they must also be free not to.

Before being cast as a tub-thumping trade unionist, let me prove my credentials. About ten years ago, I helped to set up what is now a nationwide association of trained mediators called the Family Mediators Association. Our approach involves two mediators, one a family lawyer, the other with a counselling background. This allows us to mediate on all issues that arise in family breakdown, including financial issues.

The promotion of mediation is to be greatly welcomed. It can be an effective, relatively inexpensive and good-tempered way of uncoupling, and should be one option for separating couples.

A common comment is that "mediators control the process but not the outcome". They are facilitators — holding the ring and encouraging couples to reach their own agreements. Generalised information can be given, but a mediator is wholly neutral and cannot advise either party. A couple do their own negotiations in a safe environment but what is happening is private negotiation.

> People must also have the right to say 'No'

Of course, private negotiations go on all the time . . . selling a second-hand car, agreeing a price with a builder who is to do work for you, buying a house. But in all those instances, there is a relatively free market with commonly known values.

There are horror stories of little old ladies being rooked for thousands of pounds for having a slate replaced, but mostly people are streetwise and know that they ought to get two or three estimates before embarking on a large building project, or that they should check the prices quoted for second-hand cars in a used-car guide before selling an old vehicle.

So a prerequisite for government encouragement of mediation must be the availbility of individual legal advice. The Lord Chancellor's Department recognises this only up to a point. There seems to be a great fear that lawyers will run in parallel, snapping at the heels of a couple, ever ready to dart in and swoop everyone off to court. In fact, more than 90 per cent of divorces are already settled out of court.

The process of mediation is one of investigating financial circumstances, as well as working towards an outcome. Usually, both parties will need to keep consulting a lawyer. Initial legal advice is not enough; it needs to be given in partnership with mediation.

Couples seem to feel this, too. In a survey by the Solicitors Family Law Association published yesterday, 77 per cent of a sample of more than 1,100 people going through divorce said that if they went to mediation, they would like access to their own solicitor throughout the process.

Even then, mediation is not always going to work or be fair. In the same survey 48 per cent of the sample said they would not feel comfortable going through mediation and less than a third thought their divorce could be resolved amicably through a mediator.

The Government recognises that mediation has to be a voluntary process, but apparently it may not be enough for a person just to say "no". To obtain legal aid for a lawyer to negotiate a divorce may be difficult: it will entail jumping through hoops and proving that mediation is inappropriate.

The White Paper on divorce reform says that mediation will not be appropriate if there has been domestic violence. That is right, but in the survey domestic violence accounted only for 13 per cent of those who did not feel comfortable with mediation. What about the many more insidious and intangible imbalances between partners?

Often the sheer force of emotion endangers fairness. What about the husband who is guilt-ridden at leaving his wife of 30 years for a woman half her age? What of the woman who has always been, and still is, in her husband's thrall? What of the man who feels he has to pay whatever is asked, if he is going to be able to have contact with his children? And what of the woman who desperately wants her husband back, at any price? Then there is the person who knows nothing of the complex finances of the family company the partner has run for the past 20 years.

Even before one tackles the problem of how to stop mediation being manipulated, there is an almost infinite list of categories. A common trick is to start at a ridiculously extreme position in countering a reasonable proposal, the typical result being the exploitation of the more reasonable party. There are many other such tricks.

The Government's reforms may amount to coercion. There is its idea that the statutory charge — a clawback of a percentage of the proceeds of the sale of your house which returns to the legal aid fund — will not apply to those who have gone through mediation, but will apply to those who use lawyers to negotiate a settlement. This may look like an innocuous carrot to encourage mediation, but it is a pretty big stick for the victim of domestic violence for whom mediation is expressly said to be unsuitable. As a keen proponent of mediation, I want people to be encouraged to say "yes" to it. But they must also have the right to say "no".

● *The author is a solicitor practising in London and a committee member of the Solicitors Family Law Association (01689 850227).*

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Wanted: judges to judge the judges

The *News of the World* story headlined "*Judge's drugs and sex romp with jailbird hookers*" told much about the obsessions of the newspaper and its readers, but little about a judge's ability fairly to decide commercial disputes as an official referee. That many of us have a prurient interest in the bizarre and shameful practices of those who work for some newspapers should not, however, deflect attention away from the important question of how judicial discipline should be regulated.

Without the aid of hidden microphones, telephoto lenses or an open cheque book, Professor Martin L. Friedland of the University of Toronto has thrown considerable light on this, among other topics, in his recently published report to the Canadian Judicial Council, *A Place Apart: Judicial Independence and Accountability in Canada*. The report compares and contrasts practice in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom as to various aspects of judicial administration, including appointments, training, and evaluation of performance.



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In England, judges of the High Court and the Court of Appeal hold office "during good behaviour", and can only be removed after an address presented to the Queen by both Houses of Parliament. These provisions have only once been implemented, in 1830, in the case of Sir Jonah Barrington of the High Court of Admiralty in Ireland, who had been convicted of appropriating for his own use funds paid into court. Circuit judges may be removed by the Lord Chancellor "on the ground of incapacity or misbehaviour". This power has only once been exercised, in 1983, after a judge was convicted of smuggling whisky and cigarettes into Britain in his yacht.

In practice, as Professor Friedland observes, "discipline has, for the most part, been handled informally" in England. The Lord Chancellor considers complaints against judges, and issues warnings or reprimands, some public and some private, in relation to a variety of misdemeanours, from sexual harassment of court staff to drink-driving offences. In a serious case, a judge may be encouraged to resign or take early retirement. Some judges have been made offers they could not refuse. Little has changed in this respect since the resignation of Lord Atkinson as law lord in 1928: "The Lord Chancellor asked me to call upon him. He said the scurrilous press of Quebec had abused the Privy Council and said the members were all old fogies, that I was the oldest, and had better resign. So I did."

Professor Friedland's study identifies the primitive nature of our procedures for addressing judicial misconduct, by comparison with those in operation elsewhere in the developed judicial world. In Canada and in the United States there are various structures for considering complaints, whether against federal or state judges, which serve the public interest better.

The public is informed of what has been decided and why, the decisions are made by committees which include both judicial and lay representation, and procedural fairness is guaranteed to those whose conduct is under investigation. It is increasingly untenable that standards of judicial discipline should be left in England to a government minister and the Civil Service.

The American and Canadian experience also shows that effective judicial administration requires the development of a code of conduct, to articulate, even if only in general terms, the ethical standards which the judiciary is expected to observe in a variety of contexts.

In 1994, the Lord Chancellor took a first, tentative step along this route. He explained that he "would regard a conviction for an offence of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as so grave as to amount *prima facie* to misbehaviour". The same would apply, he said, "in the very unlikely event of a conviction for any offence involving violence to persons, dishonesty or moral turpitude". Furthermore, racial, religious or sexual harassment "is not consistent with the standards expected of those who hold judicial office".

Dr Johnson believed that a judge "may play a little at cards for his amusement; but he is not to play at marbles or at chuck-farthing in the Piazza". At the end of the 1990s, we no longer require our judges to pretend to be moral guardians of the community, immune from the vices which tempt ordinary mortals.

A Judicial Council, with some lay representation, should be appointed to prepare and apply a code of judicial conduct for the modern world. This might even persuade some editors to return to exposing the exotic private lives of more important public figures — that is footballers, pop-singers and actors from television soap operas.

● A Place Apart: Judicial Independence and Accountability in Canada *is published by the Canada Communication Group ($38.95).*

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

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MICHAEL HOWARD will no doubt be relieved when Judge Tumim retires this week as HM Chief Inspector of Prisons.

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David Conn reports on a high-tech answer to presenting complex evidence

Maxwells go on the box

The 70 journalists from the UK, Europe and the US who packed into the press gallery on the first day of Kevin and Ian Maxwell's trial for conspiracy to defraud on May 31 this year were handed a story angle gift-wrapped when the much-hyped courtroom technology, including monitors, personal computers and microphones, failed to behave itself. The microphones and air-conditioning did not come on and the stenography system relayed tormenting bleeps. Many newspapers described it as a farce.

Since then the press gallery has thinned; only six journalists have seen in full the prosecution evidence, which concluded last Monday. The trial, based on alleged events during the last months of Robert Maxwell's publishing empire, has proceeded without a technological glitch since the first day.

The companies that provided the in-court technology are still smarting at the coverage of that chaotic day, which was not disrupted by either of the state-of-the-art courtroom display systems, Livenote and Showcase, being used in Court 22 of the Old Bailey annexe at Chichester Rents. The bleeping stenography was caused by static from the crossing of the wire from Livenote, which displays testimony on screen, with a microphone cable. The system has been silent since the cables were separated.

Showcase, the system used to marshal the massive paper evidence in the case, is being used by the jury as well as the judge, defence and prosecution teams. The 25,000-page trial bundle was scanned and recorded on to two CDs shortly before trial, enabling documents referred to in court to appear on the courtroom's 18 monitors and enlarged or highlighted as required by the detail of the evidence.

When, for example, on Monday last week, Kevin Maxwell, on his first day in the witness box, was referred by his counsel Alun Jones, QC, to minutes of a board meeting of British Printing Corporation, the minutes themselves appeared on screen. Mr Jones then referred Kevin Maxwell to one of the minutes, which was then enlarged. It read that on that day, November 26, 1981, Robert Maxwell was appointed a committee of the board, and had delegated to himself alone "all the powers of the board". During periods when documents are not being referred to, a closed-circuit camera focuses on the witness box, giving each monitor a full-face view of the witness.

The closing of the prosecution's case, shortly before Kevin Maxwell took the stand, followed brief evidence from the 70th witness, Chris Currington, a partner at the accountants Arthur Andersen, on the 78th day of the trial.

Kevin Maxwell, aged 36, is pleading not guilty to a charge of conspiring with his father, Robert Maxwell, to defraud the trustees and beneficiaries of the Maxwell employees' pension schemes by using 5.4 million shares in Scitex Corporation Ltd, which belonged to the pension schemes, for the benefit of the Robert Maxwell Group plc (RMG). Kevin is also pleading not guilty with his brother Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former director of various Maxwell companies, to conspiring to defraud the pension scheme by using 25 million shares in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries for RMG's purposes.

The trial opened with a speech over three days by Alan Suckling, QC, lead counsel for the prosecution. Prosecution witnesses included Trevor Cook, administrator of the pension schemes, accountants, English solicitors and Israeli lawyers and 33 bankers. The evidence has focused on the period from July 1991 when, the prosecution alleges, the Maxwell group was struggling to allay the fears of bankers about high borrowing levels.

Prosecutors allege that as a crisis of solvency developed at the Maxwell group, the Scitex shares were deposited, dishonestly, at the NatWest bank to secure overdrafts until the shareholding was sold and that the proceeds were then used for RMG's benefit.

The second charge alleges that Ian and Kevin Maxwell and Mr Trachtenberg dishonestly put at risk the Teva shares, which belonged to the pension schemes, by using them for the benefit of RMG.

Before calling Kevin Maxwell to give evidence, Mr Jones referred to his June 2 opening speech. The defence "themes" were displayed on the monitors by the Showcase system.

Robert Maxwell's "dominance and controlling force" were crucial, according to Mr Jones, to an understanding of Kevin Maxwell's belief as to the ownership of the shares.

Mr Trachtenberg, who is named next on the indictment, is expected to present his defence after Kevin Maxwell, followed by Ian Maxwell. Despite the early guffaws of the media, the case looks set to be concluded by the end of November and in line with predictions, when it began on May 31, as a six-month trial.



Witnesses giving evidence and documents are shown on screen in high-tech courts

Partner defends £2m fraud costs

THE senior partner of a firm that claimed £2.1 million in legal aid for its work in the Barlow Clowes case has defended its fees.

Ian Burton, of Burton Copeland, whose firm featured in a parliamentary answer from the Lord Chancellor's Department last week, said that his firm's bill was a fraction of government costs.

He says: "We don't decide the size of the ring. In *Barlow Clowes*, the prosecution served hundreds of thousands of papers. We had a team of five lawyers on the case for two years. The lawyers in *Maxwell* have been dealing in the case for three years and won't be paid for nine months after it ends."

Some lawyers fear that high legal-aid bills will fuel the case for scrapping juries in fraud trials. But Mr Burton argues that most bills relate to the pre-trial period. "The trial itself might be shorter without a jury, but the costs would not be much affected. They might be greater, because judges might require more detailed pleadings."

Mr Burton believes plea-bargaining is the way to make big savings in legal aid and prosecution costs.

Bottomley cuts the media cake

Ownership rules won't work, says **David Newell**

The Secretary of State for National Heritage, Virginia Bottomley, will introduce a broadcasting Bill later this autumn covering cross-media ownership rules. She has the unique opportunity to be bold and go beyond the phased, and somewhat contradictory approach outlined by her predecessor in the Government's paper published in May.

The paper accepted the argument that the current rules should be relaxed — primarily on the basis of the growth in media choice and the inhibiting impact the current rules have on the development of established media companies in the UK.

The paper's proposed broadcasting Bill, which would in practice be likely to regulate media ownership into 2000, does not follow the logic of the paper's assessment of the rapidly shifting domestic and international media scene. The existing structure consists of a mix of specific controls through the Independent Television Commission (cable and television), Oftel (telecommunications), Radio Authority and DTI (newspaper transfers), and general regulation (OFT and MMC), although the application of competition law is preserved.

Current rules are selectively relaxed by the creation of national and local newspaper circulation thresholds under which national newspaper companies with less than 20 per cent of national newspaper circulations will be able to own radio and television stations. Regional and local newspaper companies, which are currently able to own radio and television stations outside their core circulation areas, will be precluded from owning such stations unless they have less than 30 per cent of the regional and local newspaper circulation in the relevant licence area. This last proposal is, according to the Radio Authority, significantly more restrictive on regional publishers than the current regime.

The threshold tests, however, are not the only criteria which will need to be satisfied. The ITC and Radio Authority were both originally established with the intention that they should have limited discretionary powers. Under the new proposals, this will all change. The ITC and Radio Authority, having satisfied themselves that a company meets the threshold proposals, will have to determine if a particular transaction was in the public interest with regard being had to wide criteria, such as its impact on diversity.

The resulting structure will provide a far more profitable seam for lawyers and consultants to exploit. The proposed regime is arbitrary, will lack transparency and certainty and will prove to be unduly cumbersome.

The proposals are inequitable and are based on false and outdated assumptions about the nature of media markets, applying, as they do, not to all the media but just broadcasting companies (except the BBC) and newspapers. They assume, wrongly, that national and local media do not compete for audiences and advertisers: that local areas are typically served only by one broadcasting outlet and one newspaper; and that all broadcasting media are under the same content obligations in respect of news, and should therefore be subject to similar ownership controls: a proposition which, in respect of radio, was rightly rejected in the Broadcasting Act in 1990.

Mrs Bottomley should challenge the regulatory orthodoxy proposed which would have such an uneven and arbitrary impact on the ability of media companies to become multiple media companies.

Given the changed media scene, the case for special ownership rules surely does not hold water. She should leave ownership regulation to the MMC and OFT and abandon a system which is based on outdated presumptions about newspapers, broadcasting companies and their respective roles and market dominance.

Consider the illogicalities of the current proposals. They would prohibit a regional and local newspaper owning a radio station, where currently it would be able to, but would allow a national newspaper outselling the regional newspaper in that area to own that station. Furthermore, such a prohibition would apply to the relevant area. The combined effect of these proposals is likely to be directly contrary to their stated intention.

Let us hope that Mrs Bottomley's broadcasting Bill does not add to the regulatory maze, and is based on a full understanding of national and regional media. Sometimes one's confidence in civil servants' briefings is stretched. In a recent discussion on the impact of newsprint prices, an official responded: "Now tell me, newsprint is the ink, isn't it?"

● *The author is a solicitor and the deputy director of the Newspaper Society. He is the co-author of* The Law of Journalism, *published by Butterworths.*

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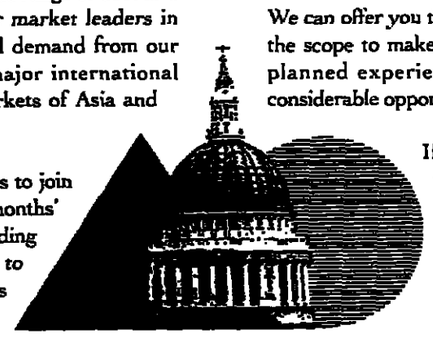
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Total Award amount: £647,301
Percentage of total funds Av 1.81 per cent.

England: East Midlands

Belgrave Playhouse (£11,062); Delos Community Trust. (£110,000); Derby Rape Crisis Group (£12,500); Derby Shopmobility (£15,000); Derwent Stepping Stones Nursery And Community Training Centre (£30,000); Elizabeth Fry Family Centre (£20,655); Hadham Project (£183,000); Leicester Newarke Housing Association Limited (£180,000); Macedon Trust (£126,401); Mansfield Family Housing Association Limited (£33,240); Meden Vale Playgroup (£2,800); Nomad Trust Lincoln (£79,044); Royal Leicestershire, Rutland and Wycliffe Society for Blind (£100,485); Shree Prajapati Association (£15,250); Stanley Village Playgroup (£7,700); The Furniture Project (covering Newark, Sherwood & Bassetlaw); (£123,751);

Total Award Amount: £1,034,586
Percentage of Total Funds Av 2.58 per cent.

England: Eastern

Basildon Womens Refuge Garden *Playground Project (£13,000); Basildon District Volunteer Carers* (£14,000); Bedford Home Start (£32,250); Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre Limited (£20,000); Clare Liaison And Support Project (CLASP); (£900); Colchester Home Start (£121,067); Crossroads Care South And East Cambridgeshire (£75,000); Hertfordshire Association For Young People (£39,000); Hoddesdon Senior Citizens Welfare Council (£27,900); Lowestoft Old People's Welfare Committee Club For The Elderly (£8,550); Maldon District Handicapped Children's Association (£45,941); Mancroft Advice Project (£56,785); Milesham Village Hall Committee (£18,000); Musical Keys (£9,000); North Eastham Community Association (£22,750); Open Road Visions (£132,252); Ormiston Charitable Trust (£105,408); Purfleet Trust Resettlement Project (King's Lynn); Ltd. (£3,295); Roundabout Community Trust. (£146,350); Southend Centre For The Homeless (£86,701); Sporle Community Association (£13,000); The Cedar House Trust (£78,275); The Hamlet Centre Trust (£110,580); The Society of St Vincent De Paul Immaculate Conception Conf (£3,000); Topyard Afro-Caribbean Youth Association (£20,575); Waveney Playbus Association (£247,873); West Suffolk Deaf Children's Society (£15,000); Workwise Work Resource Centre (£32,500);

Total Award Amount: £1,468,991.00.
Percentage of Total Funds Av 3.66 per cent.

England: London

Abeng Youth Centre Limited (£172,869); Asian Family Group (£10,230); Barking & Dagenham Old People's Welfare Association (£24,000); Barking And Dagenham Mencap (£56,700); Bethany House (£47,000); Business Progress Unit (£101,588); Camden Volunteer Bureau (£58,020); Catholic Children's Society (Westminster); (£58,190); Community Resettlement Project (£60,904); Connect (£75,778);
Eritrean Advice And Information Centre (£91,147); Good Practice In Mental Health (£114,807); Greenwich/Lewisham Newpin (£21,800); Hand In Hand Disabled Youth Club (£3,000); Hibiscus Caribbean Elderly Group (£73,518); Highbury Community Nursery (£10,000); Homerton Grove Adventure Playground Assn (£30,000); Hounslow Borough Association Of Disabled People (£98,572); Lambeth Accord (£103,700); London Narrow Boat Project (£10,000); Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground (£36,900); Newstead Road Playgroup (£8,000); St Marylebone Health Society. (£2,000); St Nicholas Play Group (Manor Park) (£6,496); The Devon Close Playshelter (£3,473); The Polish School - Devonia (£55,200); Tulse Hill Youth Club (£2,000); Upper Street Under 5s (£3,348); Vietnamese Mental Health Project (£174,130); Wandsworth Money Advice Service (£36,200); Wood Green Pre-school Playgroup (£8,000);

England: North East

1st Teesville Venture Scout Unit (£8,000); Access To The Working Countryside (£7,250); Auckland Boys Club (£258,000); Children North East (£220,953); Durham Action On Single Housing (£90,000); Eastern Ravens Trust (£100,600); First Step (£78,841); Hartlepool Citizens Advice Bureau (£52,831); Jutland Road Mother And Toddler Group (£4,500); Langbaurgh Womens Aid (£72,205); North East Nightstop (£12,000); Pennywell Youth Project (£83,675); Pride Youth Project (£51,250); Trinity House Social Centre (£22,000); Wearside Women In Need (£170,000); Women's Health Advice Centre (£25,013);

England North West

100th Birkenhead Scout Group (£64,500); Age Concern Eden (£9,600); Age Concern Halton and District. (£31,800); Age Concern Tameside (£66,000); Age Concern Trafford (£12,690);
Alderdale Disability Association (£44,377); Anadudu Womens Refuge (£5,700); Benchill Ecumenical Service Scheme (£97,000);

N West

Blackpool Wyre Fylde CVS (£110,000); Bootle Victim Support (£39,862); Bury Metro Racial Equality Council (£102,900); Camp Project Wales (£12,500); Campus Children's Holidays (£3,888); Carlisle Society for The Blind (£100,000); Chestnut Grove Parent Support Group (£4,096); Citizens Advice Bureau (£99,000); *Community Awareness and* Self-motivation Project (£113,150); Crewe Women's Aid (£113,150); Disabled Children's Holiday Fund (£20,500); Fosters Fields Residents Association (£1,950); Iris Vision Resource Centre (£900); Liverpool Accessible Sensory Environment Resource (£150,000); Liverpool Mencap (£146,256); Liverpool Voluntary Society for the Blind (incorporated); (£24,300); Manchester and District Transport for Sick Children (£12,000); Manchester and Salford Family Unit (£162,428); Manchester Young People's Theatre Company (£15,000); Morecambe and Heysham Citizens Advice Bureau (£48,000); Ormskirk and District Service Club (£7,000); Pex Community Hall Committee (£10,874); Rochdale Children (£6,500); Salford Children's Holiday Camp (£4,042); St Ambrose Parochial Church Council Parish Room Committee (£9,327); St Helens Bereavement Service (£800); Stockport Dyslexia Association (£2,000); Stockport, East Cheshire and High Peak Cerebral Palsy Society (£97,283); The Guide Association (£2,769); The Samaritans Southport and District Branch (£3,100); The Whalley Range *Community Development Project* (£81,288); Wallasey Council for Voluntary Service (£15,000); West Lancashire Womens Refuge (£78,739);
£1,848,125 Percentage of Total Funds Av 4.61%

ENGLAND: SOUTH EAST

Bracknell Youth Counselling Service (£12,000); Carer Support Service (£15,600); Iden Village Hall Management Committee (£5,000); Margate, Broadstairs and St Peter's Social Club for the Blind (£25,000); Mousecoomb Neighbourhood Trust. (£17,000); New Forest Day Services - Friends of Fernmount (£8,000); Oxfordshire Playbus Association (£73,950); Reading Area Young People's Counselling (£85,626); Saint Mary's Church Shaw Cum Donnington (£11,000); Stanmore Youth Centre Limited - The Carroll Youth Centre (£37,500); Swimming Club for People with Disabilities (£16,689); Tenterden and district Day Centre (£68,500); The Fusion Association for the Disabled (£14,500); The Hangleton and Knoll Project (£124,841); Workout Brighton (£59,476)
Total: (£628,882); Percentage of total funds av 1.57%

ENGLAND: SOUTH WEST

19th Swindon Scout Group (£1,480); Access to Community Education for Disabled and Partly Disabled (£2,000); Age Concern Penzance and District Cornwall (£70,000); *Bishopston* Neighbourhood Centre (£2,340); Bristol Mediation (£58,301); Brompton Ralph Village Hall (£2,400);

South West

Burton Mother & Toddler Group (£884); Dearhurst Community Care Group (£2,100); East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau (£31,500); Fear Track - Westmorland Trust (£66,000); Gloucestershire Chinese Women's Guild (£28,000); Help And Care Bournemouth (£158,000); Honeylands Sibling Group (£4,877); Ilsington Parish Pre-school Playgroup, (£4,000); McGarvey Fellowship (£2,630); North Devon Housing Society (£65,000); Page Park Playgroup (£4,786); Phoenix Toy Library (£500); *Self Heal Association* - Redworth Terrace (£18,000); Special Needs Activity Project (Edgewater) (£22,500); St Pauls Adventure Playground (£42,000); The Rastilla Trust Ytp Community Projects (£82,000); The TADSA Housing Trust (£50,000); Yeovil, Sherborne & District Gingerbread Group (£3,000); *Young Mothers Group Trust* - Young Mothers Group (£28,291); Youth Enquiry Service (£75,000)

ENGLAND: WEST MIDLANDS

Bangladeshi Progressive Society (£120,200); Birmingham Body Positive (£79,600); Birmingham Women's Advice And Information Centre Limited (£117,750); Burton-Upon-Trent YMCA (£90,000); Council Of Disabled People South Warwickshire (£89,000); Derwen College For The Disabled (£190,000); Herefordshire Lifestyles (£75,000); Little Sisters Of The Poor (£35,000); Malvern Special Families (£33,960); Pendeswell Young Peoples Leisure Club (£15,000); St Owens Centre Parents Friends And Staff Association (£100,000); Stafford Swallows Sports Club For The Disabled (£30,000); Tindal Association For School And Community (£57,150); West Indian People's Progressive Association (£33,924);
TOTAL £1,068,584 PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FUNDS AW 2.66%

ENGLAND: YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

103rd Leeds (St Wilfrids); Guide Company (£750); Asian Women's Consultation Group (£24,038); Barnsley Citizens Advice Bureau (£30,000); Bierley Community Centre Association (£279,885); Bradford Community Transport (£40,000); Bradford Family Service Unit (£214,237); *Bradford Voluntary Action* Group For The Disabled (£170,540); Calderdale Advocacy (£79,701); Castle Advice Service (£1,220); Edwards Rainbow Centre (£169,000); Harrogate And District Women's Aid (£217,701); Hull Council Of Disabled People (£59,000); Kids Hull Family Centre (£107,141); Kinsley Craft Workshop (£4,575); Manor Training And Resource Centre Ltd (£121,000); North Boarsholme Community Association (£2,495); Northallerton Area Association For Single Homeless (£28,557); Sheffield Reclamation Limited (£19,290); Somalia Mental Health Project (£34,167); (£193,207); The Cater Project (£94,512); The Hadden Bridge Nursery Action Group (£280,000); Trinity Day Care Trust (£21,000); WPF Counselling (north) (£45,000)
£2,213,149 Percentage of Total Funds Av 5.52%

Northern Ireland: All

123 House (£48,000); Armagh Travellers Support Group (£1,760); Avenue Road Play Area Group (£9,000); Belly Sally Community Association (£21,500); Ballybean Women's Centre (£90,000); *Ballycastle and District Over 55 Club* (£1,687); Bannagh Community Project (£7,500); Beechraft Trust Limited (£10,000); Bridge Community Trust (£60,000); Carnany Development Agency (£20,000); Cats Eye Club (£7,788); Caw Community Playgroup (£70,000); *Childrens Community Holidays* (£20,000); Chinese Welfare Association (£45,000); Clarendon Shelter (£30,000); Cloughfin Community Association (£20,000); Craigavon Working Party for Integrated Play (£8,000); Crossmaglen Community Association; Downtown Womens Centre (£100,000); Dromore Pre-school Playgroup (£3,000); Dunsmenagh Senior Citizens Club (£22,000); Dunedin Homeless Group (£10,000); Fast Steps Community Playgroup (£8,000); Foyle Daycare Association (£65,000); Gingerbread Northern Ireland (£72,268); Glenelly Development Trust Limited (£10,000); Glenravel Community Playgroup (£8,200); Housing Rights Service (£3,213); Irvinestown Pre-school Community Playgroup (£2,500); Kiddie Kare Playgroup (£4,240); Kindedee Cross Community Play Group (£13,000); Laurencetown, Lenaderg & Tullyish Community Development Ass (£75,000); Ligoniel Family Centre (£45,340); Lisburn Welfare Rights Group (£23,518); Little Friends Playgroup (£2,000); Lollipop Playgroup (£5,000); Lurgan Citizens Advice Bureau (£9,300); Mickey Mouse Community Playgroup (£1,000); Mullaghbane Community Association (£30,000); NI Trade Union, Educational & Social Centre (NITU) (£40,000); Nalscoil And Mhachaira (£50,000); Newhaven Trust (£35,000); Newry and District Community Service Council (£32,000); Newry and Mourne Carers Association (£55,000); Newry and Mourne Visually Impaired Club Known as Vip Club (£1,500); Newry Womens Aid (£255,020); Newtownards Road Womens Group (£90,000); *North Down Women's Aid* (£174,322); Northern Ireland Friedreichs Ataxia Group (£3,000); Northern Ireland Widows Association Enniskillen Branch (£2,000); Oliver Plunkett *Education and Leisure* Scheme (£10,000); Passionist Youth & Parent Resource Centre (£9,600); Peoples Alternative to Narcotics Drugs & Alcohol (panda) (£50,000); Pomeroy *Pre School Playgroup* (£5,000); Portadown Citizens Advice Bureau (£30,000); Rainbow Pre-school Playgroup (£1,190); Shankhill Women's Centre (£90,000); Simon Community Northern Ireland (£200,000); St Georges Youth and Community Development Limited (£52,000); St Louis' Community Nursery School (£3,200); St Lukes Family Centre (£522); St Patricks Youth Club, Cullyhanna (£9,861); Strabane Association for the *Temporary Homeless* (£45,000); Tarmon Senior Citizens Community Club (£3,000); The Banana Bunch Playgroup (£9,000); The Family Centre (£90,000); The Hansel and Gretel *Community Playgroup* (£1,000); The Little Flower Play Group (£5,000); The Nexus Institute (£14,000); The Orchardville Society (£90,000); The Resource Centre (£90,000); Top Of *The Hill 2010* (£5,000); Women's Information Group (£15,006); Workspace Community Playbus (£45,000)
£2,613,034); Percentage of Total Funds Av 6.51%

SCOTLAND: All

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Pathway Project (£107,632); Perth and Perthshire Fund for the *Elderly (£20,000); Perth Citizens Ad*vice Bureau (£310,000); Phab Scotland (£221,788); Phoenix House Glasgow Project (£25,000); Pillar Aberdeen (£69,652); Pilton Video Project *(£10,986);* Portree Nursery *Limited* (£65,400); Project Parklands (£15,000); Quarriers (operating identity of Quarriers Homes) (£111,943); Rainbownouse Community Resource Centre (£30,700); *Rape and Abuse* Line (£10,500); Renfield Day Centre (£85,029); Renfrew Unemployed & Community Resource Centre (£15,350); Replies Youth Information Project (£10,178); *Riverside Victim* Support (£1,250); RNID Services for Scotland (£134,684); SPP Pensioner Welfare Services (£6,000); SPPA Kirkcaldy Branch - Kushion Fund (£3,150); *Sacred Heart Boys Club* (£13,000); Saint Aidan's Project Association Limited (£80,000); Scottish Asian Action Committee (£89,000); Scottish Huntington's Association Lothian Branch (£7,226), Shakespeare Street Youth Club (£133,000); Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau (£5,000); 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The Management Committee Of West Lothian Scout Association (£880); The Newton Stewart Branch of Arthrex Care (£3,000); The Omega Society (£24,427); The Princes Trust (£300,000); *The Scottish Council On* Alcohol (£174,269); The Social Iceberg Foundation (Scotland) (£555,000); The Volunteer Befriending Scheme (£8,000); The Volunteer Centre (£2,405); *The Welcome Club* (£1,200); Threshold Printing Project (£41,125); Tweedar Day Care Association (£33,569); Venture Scotland (£90,000); Victim Support Blantyre Bothwell And *Uddingston (£104,000), Vocal Young* Carers Initiative (£176,000); Voluntary Service Aberdeen (£458,445); Weisdale Health Trust (£4,500); West Carse Public Hall (£5,615); West Lothian Voluntary Council For Disabled People (£31,350); West Whitlawburn Housing Cooperative Limited (£400,055); Wester Hailes Against Racism (£51,540); Western Isles Women's Aid (£33,646); Westfield Park Community Project (£33,000); Whitburn Centre Play Group (£815); *Whitfield Star Service (£44,836);* Wick Youth Club (£20,750); Yorkhill Family House Limited (£635,000), Youth Clubs Scotland (£36,785); YWCA Roundabout Centre (£17,199)
£17,593,170
Percentage of total funds av 43.85%

UK: ALL

Abantu For Development (£102,600), *Action For Blind People (£80,000);* Brittle Bone Society (£14,550); Clean Break Theatre Company (£24,799); Community Business Scotland (£48,970); Dial UK (£126,800); Elderly *Accommodation Counsel (£103,300),* Emmaus UK (£299,000); Far East Prisoners of War Central Welfare Fund (£15,000); Female Prisoners Welfare Project (£150,000), Happy Days Chil*drens Charity (£66,925), Holidays One*Parents (£3,000); Independent Panel For Special Education Advice Limited (£123,816); Institute of Chartered Secretaries And Administrators Benev (£16,200); *International Autistic Research* Organisation/Autism Research (£2,000), Jennifer Trust for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (£19,500); National Association for Colitis & Crohn's Disease (£75,000); National Association of Drama With the Visually Handicapped (£42,436); National Street Drinking Network (NSDN) (£7,100); Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (£8,633); Pris*oners of Conscience Appeal Fund* (£15,000); RNID Information Service (£61,638); Race Equality Unit (£134,586); Re-Solv (£24,400); REACT (£25,000); Resource Information Service (£111,050); *Schizophrenia* Association of Great Britain (£130,000); Single Parent Action Network (£123,128); Southern Sudan Welfare Association (£15,337); Student Community Action *Development Unit* (£130,375); The Blind Business Association Charitable Trust (£21,500); The British Institute of Industrial Therapy (£19,216); The Careers Advisory Network on Disability *Opportunities (£227,080);* The Compatibility Centre (£153,750); The Derk Horse Venture (£96,500); The Low Pay Research Trust (£252,202); The Man Depression Fellowship *(£120,920); The National Food Alliance* (£65,950); The National Gypsy Council (£80,813); The Portia Trust (£50,000), The School Milk Campaign (£1,000); The Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases (£64,920); The Thalidomide Society (£30,000); The Widows Advisory Trust (£16,182); Values Into Action (£36,651); Who Cares? Trust (£6,307); Young Builders Trust (£90,000), Youthaid (£89,800)

Wales: All

Ace Place Kidz Klub (£70,000); *Adamsdown And Surround Letsystem* (£1,200), Age Concern West Glamorgan (£21,893); Alzheimers Disease Society Swansea and Llw Valley Branch (£38,878); Amlwch & District *Club for the Physically Handicapped* (£5,000); Arthritis Care - Bridgend Branch (£3,000); Arthritis Care Caernaruon (£4,200); Biwro Gwirfoddoli Caernarfon (£29,515); *Blaen-y-maes Drop in Centre for Young* Families (£44,000), Bonymaen Community Centre (£55,035); Brecknock Womens Aid Ltd (£39,599); Canolfan Cae Cymro (£133,000); Canoltan Gymdeithasol Morfa Nefyn (£45,000); Cardiff and South Glamorgan Group of *Boys and Girls Clubs* (£14,934); Cefn and District Community Steering Group (£119,500); Clwyd Association for Disability (£83,410); Clwyd Deaf Society (£116,000); Clych Meithrin *Carmel* (£500); *Coastal Credit Union* (£5,000); Crimecrackers - Belgrano Child Crime Prevention Scheme (£6,000); Cych Cledwyn (£962); Cych Meithrin Britannia (£1,500); Cych Meithrin Llandaf North (£900), Cych Ysgol Feithrin Porthcrwyd (£1,075), Cymon Valley Community Projects *Association (£327,922); Cyswilt* (Llanfairpwll Community Association) (£15,000), Glyndwr Womens Aid (£73,459); Grwp Cymuned Caernarfon (£88,198); Gwynedd Pre-school *Playgroup Association (£17,000);* Holyhead Youth Crime Prevention Panel (£5,100); Lache Christian Community Trust (£216,000); Llynfi Valley Credit Union Limited (£50,000); Menter *Meithrin Dyffryn Arduchwy A Thalybont* (£21,375); Mid Glamorgan Referral Scheme (£60,000); Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin (£25,500), Neath and District Sea Cadets (£31,790); Newport Bentref Rhydyman (£1,066); Newport Wastesavers Charitable Trust (£248,175); Newry and *Waterside* Community Centres (£42,942); Noddfa *Community Centre (£12,000);* Open Door - Welshpool Family Support (£1,500); P H A B Wales (£45,708), Pensioners Club, Clwb Y Gorlan, Amlwch (£2,000); Pwyllgor Neuadd *Goffa Llanllyfni (£249,522); Radnor*shire Womens aid (£27,218); Rhymney Valley Mind (£19,406); Scope (£314,867); St Anne's Hospice (£285,000); St Leonard's House Swan*sea and West Wales Trust* (£14,785); Swansea Staying Put (£30,000); Swansea Student Community Action (£32,000); Swiftryd Community Centre (£59,000); Teganta Arfon (£9,500); The Penarth and District Crossroads Scheme (£30,000); The Royal Buckley Town Band (£40,350.000
The Samaritans of Aberystwyth and Mid Wales (£27,500)
The Young Womens Association (y W C A) in Cwmavon (£43,728); Vales Community Business (£55,000); Wales Council for Voluntary Action (£248,130); Women in Action Education Network (£23,650); Wrexham and District Pheb Club (£10,800); Wrexham Maelor Home-start (£44,089); Ymddiriedolaeth "Hen Ysgol' Cych Meithrin (£41,802); Ysgol Feithrin Glynrhedyn (£6,000); Ysgol Feithrin Gorllewin Morgannwg (£18,000); Ysgol Feithrin Y Felinheli (£500)
£3,857,703 Percentage of total funds av 9.61%
GRAND TOTAL AWARDED ALL REGIONS: £40,123,775
England (£12,529,956)
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The Magician prepares to cast another spell



Americans believe that Sheikh Mohammed has to produce a conjuring act if Halling is to win his Breeders' Cup duel. **Richard Evans reports**

In the rarefied atmosphere inhabited by monarchs and regal dignitaries, he more than holds his own as a Crown Prince. On the racecourses of the world he ranks as the most powerful owner with the largest string of blueblooded thoroughbreds in training. However, Sheikh Mohammed now has a new epithet suggesting he possesses supernatural powers.

A timely cartoon in the *Daily Racing Form*, the American racing newspaper, depicts Dubai's best-known person walking onto a stage dressed in Royal Ascot regalia, complete with binoculars and a conjurer's magic wand. For his act, he taps his upturned top hat and produces Lammtarra like a genie from a lamp.

Europe's middle-distance champion has the words King George, Arc and Epsom Derby flowing from his mane and above his head, in Arabic script and English, hangs the phrase Horse Of The Century. With the Sheikh departing stage right, doffing his hat in the style of a Broadway showman, the caption reads simply — The Magician.

The cartoon's content is apt. For here, in the home of hype, racegoers are convinced that Sheikh Mo, as he is dubbed, will have to produce another trick of Lammtarra proportions if Halling is to prove victorious in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Belmont Park on Saturday.

Since it was first staged in 1984, the Breeders' Cup series has witnessed some titanic head-to-head battles. Easy Goer versus Sunday Silence in 1989 springs to mind, but it is doubtful if any duel has been so eagerly awaited as that which will occur when the stalls open for the $3 million Classic.

Halling, winner of his last eight races including the Eclipse Stakes and International Stakes, clashes with Cigar, undefeated in his last 11 starts and a headline writer's dream, in what is being rightly billed as the race of the year. However, as far as New Yorkers and local odds-makers are concerned the outcome is a foregone conclusion.

In the Breeders' Cup future book, the nearest equivalent to a list of ante-post prices, Cigar is generally 2-1 on and as short as 5-2 on, compared to odds of up to 10-1 being offered against the European challenger. And when a dozen Nevada bookmakers were asked recently for their big-race selection, eight plumped for Cigar, while only one picked Halling.

With the 16-strong European contingent of horses having arrived safely at Belmont Park yesterday, the build-up for this week's $10 million day of racing began in earnest with Cigar being compared to the recent greats in US racing, such as Seattle Slew, Affirmed, Spectacular Bid, Alysheba, Sunday Silence and Easy Goer.

It is just as well Halling cannot read, otherwise he might be slightly taken aback at the praise being heaped on his rival's head. "Cigar's Race Against History," a New York Times headline displayed yesterday. "Horse of the Day? Yes. Horse of the Year? Almost Certainly. But Then What?"

Whatever the difference in their respective abilities — and the official ratings suggest they could be more closely matched than many imagine — Halling and Cigar are united in having unusual but very similar career paths.

Halling, unraced at two, and beaten in a lowly race at Windsor little more than a year ago, only began to find his feet as a handicapper towards the end of his three-year-old career before blossoming in the Dubai desert during the winter and developing into a champion this summer.

In the same way, Cigar never ran in the Kentucky Derby or in any Triple Crown race as a three-year-old and was considered far from distinguished until his trainer, Bill Mott, switched him from racing on grass to dirt last October when he was four years old. That signalled the start of one of the longest winning streaks in recent times, including nine out of nine this year.

By comparison to those exertions, Halling has had it easy, with just four races this year. Two of those runs were on the dirt track at Nad Al Sheba in Dubai, which is not that far removed from the conditions which prevail at Belmont Park. Add to that the style of Halling's preparation, very much along American lines with plenty of speed work over six furlongs, and it is not beyond the bounds of belief to speculate the Magician has already cast his spell.

TONY EDENDEN



Sheikh Mohammed is overseeing Halling's challenge for the Breeders' Cup Classic

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THUNDERER
1.45 Diamond Beach
2.15 Dowdency
2.45 Desert Cat
3.15 Saifan
3.45 Lovely Lyca
4.15 **GUESSTIMATION** (nap)

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 **LADY CARLA** (nap). 3.15 Moneefa.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.45 TUGBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,527: 5f 218yd) (20 runners)

101 (12) 06 ANDSOME BOY 14 (The Select Partnership) C Barwell 9-0 N Adams –
102 (17) 00 BLUE SUEDE HOOFS 11 (T Panting) B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle 96
103 (19) 0 DAUPHIN 55 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 9-0 P McCabe (3) –
104 (3) 052 DIAMOND BEACH 27 (R Richards) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 99
105 (11) 05 MAC OATES 24 (D Lake) D Arbuthnot 9-0 S Whitworth 91
106 (6) 006 MINDRACE 8 (D Abbott) K Ivory 9-0 D Biggs 99
107 (2) 000 SPA LANE 14 (R Roberts) C Drewe 9-0 Dane O'Neill (5) 69
108 (15) 52 THORDIS 24 (BF) (B Whitehouse) P Makin 9-0 K Darley 92
109 (4) 00 ASTRA MARTIN 35 (G Greenwood) P Murphy 8-9 R Waterfield (7) –
110 (5) 050 BEAR TO DANCE 32 (Mrs C Berry) John Berry 8-9 C Dwyer 82
111 (20) 252030 BITES 24 (W Marsh) J A Harris 8-9 Paul Eddery 78
112 (10) 0 HADADABBLE 150 (The Fun Managers Partnership) Pat Mitchell 8-9 R Cochrane –
113 (8) 3 INCATINKA 29 (M Arani) J Spearing 8-9 S Drowne (3) 98
114 (14) 0 LAKESIDE EXPRESS 25 (C Rogers) J Moore 8-9 J F Egan –
115 (7) 2500 LIA FAIL 8 (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 8-9 T Ives 91
116 (16) 060 LUNAR GRIS 61 (D Hallums) J Banks 8-9 A Clark 76
117 (9) 3 MAY QUEEN MEGAN 8 (S Harrison) Mrs A King 8-9 J Williams 86
118 (13) MRS KEEN (J Watson) Mrs M McCourt 8-9 W Newnes –
119 (18) 0 POLISH LADY 11 (D Hawes) W Barker 8-9 J Quinn –
120 (1) 0 WELCOME LU 21 (M Hyman) P Felgate 8-9 A Mackay –

BETTING: 3-1 Diamond Beach, 5-1 Incatinka, Mac Oates, 6-1 Thordis, 7-1 May Queen Megan, 10-1 Blue Suede Hoofs, 12-1 others.

1994: BEN GUNN 9-0 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) P Walwyn 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIAMOND BEACH 4l 2nd of 11 to Insatiable in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good). MAC OATES 6¾l 5th of 7 to Trafalgar Lady in maiden at Goodwood (6f, soft). THORDIS 3l 2nd of 12 to Sweet Nature in auction maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) with ANDSOME BOY 16l 11th. BEAR TO DANCE 7¾l 5th of 11 to Too Hasty in auction maiden at Catterick (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. INCATINKA 6¾l 3rd of 10 to Celandine in maiden at Bath (5f 213yd, good to firm). MAY QUEEN MAGAN neck and 3l 3rd of 11 to Dande Flyer in auction maiden at Folkestone (5f, good) with MINDRACE 5¾l 8th.
Selection: DIAMOND BEACH

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	6	19	31.6	J Stack	4	13	30.8
H Cecil	22	90	24.4	Pat Eddery	33	148	22.3
M Pipe	7	33	21.2	W Carson	28	141	19.9
J Dunlop	22	113	19.5	T Ives	3	24	12.5
L Cumani	8	43	18.6	Paul Eddery	13	111	11.7
H Thomson Jones	4	23	17.4	W Ryan	20	184	10.9

2.15 FOSSE WAY CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,401: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

201 (15) 233103 TONYS GIFT 21 (F) (A Harrington) R Hannon 8-12 Dane O'Neill (5) 99
202 (10) BEGGER'S OPERA (S McBride) Pat Mitchell 8-11 G Bardwell –
203 (3) 042200 DANCING SIOUX 14 (Lord Matthews) R Guest 8-11 G Duffield 92
204 (11) 533204 DR CALIGARI 30 (N Jackson) J Berry 8-10 G Carter 80
205 (7) BROUGHTONS CHAMP (Broughton Bloodstock) W Musson 8-9 P McCabe (3) –
206 (17) 00005 SHARED 21J (C Fulford) M Madgwick 8-9 A McGlone 73
207 (2) 40040 SIMPOSA 14 (Mrs B Keogh) E Alston 8-9 S Whitworth 72
208 (9) 005105 BOBANLYN 3 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Walker) D Morris 8-6 J Quinn 98
209 (1) 00 OSCILIGHTS GIFT 15 (Mrs P Stroud) P Burgoyne 8-6 D R McCabe (3) –
210 (4) 050-000 ARNIE 40 (J Daniels) G L Moore 8-4 A Clark 72
211 (20) 000613 BURNT SIENNA 73 (D,F) (A Gorrie) J Moore 8-4 P P Murphy (5) 68
212 (8) 605620 DOWDENCY 14 (G) (P Tiff) J Pickering 8-4 J Stack (3) 89
213 (16) 200281 GENTLE IRONY 5 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Reid) B Meehan 8-4 J F Egan 85
214 (12) 0-0000R AMBOYNA BURL 6 (G Steinberg) D Wilson 8-3 D Biggs –
215 (5) 040004 HAVANA MISS 6 (S) (Mrs L Hedlund) B Palling 8-2 T Sprake 85
216 (14) 0 ROLLING SETTLEMENT 15 (Powells Racing) J A Harris 8-2 M Baird (5) –
217 (13) 450 ANJOMAJASA 27 (T Bellamy) J Pitch-Heyes 8-0 D Wright (3) 85
218 (6) 605550 L'EGLISE BELLE 50 (B) (H Murphy) Mrs A King 8-0 S Drowne (3) 80
219 (18) 0000-50 BILLS PLOUGHGIRL 50 (Mrs P Ratcliffe) J Moore 7-12 N Adams 71
220 (19) 0000 MOST BECOMING 14 (B) (A Brooke Rankin) J Arnold 7-12 A Mackay –

BETTING: 9-2 Gentle Irony, 5-1 Dr Caligari, 6-1 Tonys Gift, 7-1 Bobanlyn, 8-1 Broughtons Champ, Havana Miss, 10-1 Dancing Sioux, 12-1 Dowdency, 14-1 others.

1994: HAPPY HOSTAGE 8-13 M Roberts (7-4 fav) M Johnston 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

TONY'S GIFT best effort beat Raise The Stakes ½l in Epsom maiden (7f, good to firm). DANCING SIOUX best recent effort 1¼l 2nd to Allyana in maiden at Beverley (5f, good). DR CALIGARI best recent effort 2½l 2nd to Rock Foundation in Hamilton claimer (1m 65yd, firm). BOBANLYN beat Antarticern 1¼l in Redcar selling handicap (1m 2f, good). DOWDENCY 1½l 2nd to Cattha in apprentices' selling handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm) penultimate start with L'EGLISE BELLE (5lb worse off) 7½l 9th. GENTLE IRONY (awarded race) 1l 2nd to Kingchip Boy (placed 2nd) in Nottingham claimer (1m, good to firm).
Selection: TONY'S GIFT

2.45 EBF HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,403: 1m 8yd) (13 runners)

301 (8) 0 BARON HRABOVSKY 8 (Black Run Racing Club) P Cole 9-0 Paul Eddery –
302 (9) CHAUVELIN (W Johnstone) M Johnston 9-0 M Hills –
303 (12) 53 DESERT CAT 23 (H Al-Tajir) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 99
304 (7) 0000 GENERAL MACARTHUR 21 (I Cameron) J Dunlop 9-0 G Duffield 83
305 (11) 00 HAL HOO YAROOM 21 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 T Sprake 86
306 (2) 05 HAYAAIN 12 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 W Carson 96
307 (4) 0 HE'S GOT WINGS 7 (P Hicks) C Broad 9-0 N Adams –
308 (6) 40 JEAN PIERRE 55 (P Burnett) J Pearce 9-0 S Drowne (3) –
309 (1) 06 ROSEBERRY AVENUE 15 (P Savill) Lady Herries 9-0 K Darley 84
310 (5) SPARTAN HEARTBEAT (C Olley) C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle –
311 (13) 0 TAWAFEK 14 (H Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 R Cochrane –
312 (3) 3 FLAMING JUNE 80 (Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 91
313 (10) LADY CARLA (W Said) H Cecil 8-9 Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 5-2 Lady Carla, 3-1 Flaming June, 7-2 Desert Cat, 6-1 Hayaain, 7-1 Chauvelin, 12-1 others.

1994: FINAL APPEARANCE 9-0 J Reid (1-2 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT CAT 2l 3rd of 14 to Carburton in maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). HAL HOO YAROOM 8¼l 7th of 17 to Ali-Royal in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to soft). HAYAAIN about 4½l 5th of 14 to Silver Dome in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). JEAN-PIERRE 13½l 4th of 6 to Quakers Field in maiden at Kempton (6f, good to firm) penultimate start. ROSEBERRY AVENUE about 10¼l 6th of 9 to Flyfisher in conditions race here (1m 2f, good). FLAMING JUNE head and 5l 3rd of 5 to Parrot Jungle in Redcar maiden (7f, firm).
Selection: DESERT CAT

3.15 ERMINE STREET HANDICAP (£4,679: 1m 8yd) (13 runners)

401 (8) 010000 SECRET ALY 17 (D,F,G) (B Vodt) C Brittain 5-9-10 B Doyle 86
402 (13) 405056 RORY 17 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-10 T Ives 94
403 (4) 104006 STAR MANAGER 17 (D,G,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 5-9-8 M Hills 91
404 (12) 0-01000 ZAJKO 17 (D,F) (Sir Roger G Gibbs) Lady Herries 5-9-8 R Cochrane 92
405 (7) 624100 SAIFAN 10 (B,C,D,F,G) (Ms L Hawes) D Morris 6-9-6 J Stack (3) 91
406 (1) 102410 ALDANEH 42 (D,F) (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 3-9-3 Dane O'Neill (5) 90
407 (3) 000602 MISTY SILKS 15 (CD,BF,G,S) (P Aron) M Ryan 5-9-3 A Clark 95
408 (2) 3-46106 MONEEFA 18 (G) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 99
409 (6) 415203 ROMAN REEL 21 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-8-13 S Whitworth 96
410 (9) 063001 SHARP CONSUL 26 (S) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 3-8-13 W Newnes 92
411 (11) 104400 GULF SHAADI 21 (D,G) (The Bibby Halliday Partnership) E Alston 3-8-7 G Hind 96
412 (10) 662000 ARABOYBILL 14 (B,F,G) (N Gay & B Barry) R Simpson 4-8-2 S Drowne (3) 95
413 (5) 603096 ROCK OYSTER 54 (B) (R Harding) B Meehan 3-7-7 G Bardwell 87

Long handicap: Rock Oyster 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Moneefa, 6-1 Misty Silks, 7-1 Sharp Consul, 8-1 Rory, Secret Aly, 9-1 Aldaneh, 10-1 Roman Reel, Gulf Shaadi, 12-1 Araboybill, Zajko, 14-1 others.

1994: MISTY SILKS 4-9-3 A Clark (100-30 fav) M Ryan 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

RORY about 1¾l 6th of 25 to Seventeens Lucky in handicap at York (1m 1f, good) with SECRET ALY (2lb better off) 3¾l 7th. ZAJKO 6¾l 6th of 23 to Comanche Companion in handicap at York (7f, good). SAIFAN best recent effort beat Love Legend 1¾l in handicap here (7f, good). ALDANEH beat The Mestral ½l in handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. MISTY SILKS 1¾l 2nd of 20 to Hatta Breeze in handicap over course and distance (good). MONEEFA about 6¾l 6th of 10 to A La Carte in listed race at Ascot (1m, soft). SHARP CONSUL beat Fairelaine ½l in handicap at Lingfield (7f, soft).
Selection: MONEEFA (nap)

3.45 BARSBY LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,331: 1m 3f 183yd) (9 runners)

501 (4) 622100 CROSS TALK 15 (F) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-2 T Ives 96
502 (5) 4351 ANJOU 11 (D,F) (6 Tufts) J Pearce 9-0 G Bardwell 90
503 (3) 365 DARTER 13 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 K Darley 96
504 (8) 503213 EDAN HEIGHTS 11 (D,S) (T Mountain) S Dow 9-0 A Daly (7) 94
505 (2) 0-603 HOUSE OF DREAMS 11 (N Browne) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 86
506 (7) 00-005 NORTHERN CHARMER 150 (The Bibby Halliday Partnership) E Alston 9-0 G Hind 86
507 (1) 00-50 SHAHRANI 14 (A Helaissi) M Pipe 9-0 Pat Eddery 81
508 (9) 350300 LOVELY LYCA 28 (S) (The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 8-11 R Hills 99
509 (6) 000000 PINKERTON POLKA 14 (Miss E Macgregor) C Brittain 8-9 B Doyle 89

BETTING: 7-2 Lovely Lyca, 4-1 Edan Heights, 9-2 Anjou, 5-1 Darter, 6-1 House Of Dreams, 8-1 Cross Talk, 10-1 Shahrani, 16-1 Northern Charmer, 20-1 Pinkerton Polka.

1994: CUANGO 9-4 W Ryan (3-1 fav) R Hollinshead 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CROSS TALK best recent effort beat Domilia 2l in 6-runner maiden at Catterick (1m 6f, good to firm). ANJOU beat Kalamata 2½l in 5-runner apprentice jockeys' maiden at Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm) with HOUSE OF DREAMS short-head 3rd. DARTER best effort 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Iridal in maiden at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). EDAN HEIGHTS 5¾l 3rd of 7 to Our Kris in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). HOUSE OF DREAMS best effort this term about 6¾l 6th of 11 to Alzayd in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). LOVELY LYCA best recent effort 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Loki in conditions race at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm).
Selection: ANJOU

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 2.15 Most Becoming. 4.15 Braydon Forest. REDCAR: 1.30 Lady Eclat, Jive Baby. 3.30 King Chestnut.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 CASTLE HANDICAP (£4,360: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

601 (3) 51-1324 WONDERFUL DAY 92 (D,BF,F) (M Kirby) T Clement 4-10-0 T Ives 88
602 (13) 222315 DVORAK 158 (F) (T Dawson Inner Circle) R Harris 4-10-0 A Mackay 86
603 (6) 580320- HARDING 381 (S Rodell) S Mellor 4-9-13 M Perrett 88
604 (8) 324150 GUESSTIMATION 12 (D,F,G,S) (Quintet Part'ship) J Pearce 6-9-12 S Drowne (3) 97
605 (1) 000000 QUEENBIRD 23 (S) (A Reid) M Ryan 4-9-9 A Clark 93
606 (13) 053214 RIVAL BID 14 (D,F,G,S) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-9 Amanda Sanders (7) 95
607 (14) 224010 THAMES SIDE 14 (F) (D Knight) M Madgwick 4-9-8 A Eddery (7) 95
608 (17) 240150 PISTOL 123 (F,G) (Mrs B Sommer) C Horgan 5-9-8 Paul Eddery 99
609 (5) 151045 EL BAILADOR 23 (D,F) (Mrs J Lee) J Betrell 4-9-7 R Hills 93
610 (16) 04-400 DUCKING 12 (Mrs D Wigan) J Fanshawe 3-9-6 D Harrison 93
611 (4) 323059 BRAYDON FOREST 27 (V) (Mrs J Melbourne) C Drewe 3-9-3 R Cochrane 91
612 (2) 051600 NOBLE NEPTUNE 10 (F) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-9-1 G Carter 89
613 (19) 110360 ROCK THE BARNEY 8 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Marks) P Burgoyne 6-9-0 D R McCabe (3) 92
614 (5) 536515 YO KIRI-B 72 (F) (Miss L Elliott) J Pitch-Heyes 4-8-12 G Duffield 92
615 (7) 423142 HAWKISH 8 (CD,F,S) (Mrs M Morley) D Morley 6-8-12 W Carson 95
616 (15) 113405 KINTWYN 21 (G) (Mrs E Bacon) C Dwyer 5-8-11 M Hills 99
617 (11) 340339 SALTANDO 12 (Mrs S Henridge) Pat Mitchell 4-8-11 Dane O'Neill (5) 94
618 (18) 030420 DIA GEORGY 52 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Crowley) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-7 DOUBTFUL 89
619 (10) 00200-0 BOLD ACRE 157J (S) (Mrs M Morgan) D Burchell 5-8-6 B Price 91

BETTING: 6-1 Thames Side, 7-1 Hawkish, 8-1 Rival Bid, Dvorak, 9-1 Pistol, 10-1 Wonderful Day, Kintwyn, Rock The Barney, 12-1 Thames Side, 14-1 others.

1994: SON OF SHARP SHOT 4-10-0 Pat Eddery (13-2) J Dunlop 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

WONDERFUL DAY neck 2nd of 11 to Ripaires in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DVORAK beat Preston Guild 2l in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. HARDING 3¾l 2nd of 11 to Celestial Choir in handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start, Sep 1994. GUESSTIMATION best recent effort beat Cyrus The Great neck in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) with SALTANDO 7¼lb better off) about 27l 18th. RIVAL BID beat Golden Torque neck in claiming handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. PISTOL best recent effort beat Dont Shoot Fairies ½l in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm).
Selection: WONDERFUL DAY

Tadeo carries Reid to century

JOHN REID rode his hundredth winner of the season when Tadeo landed the Jardine Insurance Brokers Burr Conditions Stakes at Lingfield yesterday. Reid, 40, was recording his second career century, having amassed 108 victories in 1993. The Ulsterman selected Spectrum (Champion Stakes and Irish 2,000 Guineas), Beauchamp King (Racing Post Trophy) and Pure Grain (Irish Oaks) as his top three rides of the year.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Weak Twos seem to be getting weaker and weaker. This was the Hackett twins in action in the premier league of the BBL.

Dealer West North - South vulnerable IMPs

North: ♠K8542 ♥KQ9 ♦A ♣Q865
West: ♠973 ♥75 ♦Q10972 ♣1093
East: ♠AQJ ♥A1043 ♦K86 ♣AK7
South: ♠106 ♥J862 ♦J543 ♣J42

W	N	E	S
Jason		Justin	
2♦	Double	Redouble	2♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Contract: Two Hearts doubled, by South. Lead: Five of Hearts

I would rather wear a ring in my nose than open Two Diamonds on the West hand — but I cannot deny that it can be effective. Throughout the final weekend of the BBL's premier league, the twins' preempts gave their opponents trouble. Most of the time the opponents did not seem to be in a position to double; then when they finally did have a sound double the twins manage to wriggle out into another suit.

On this hand the boys showed their good partnership understanding. Once North had entered into the auction, North - South were in trouble. West was not panicked into doing anything foolish like removing the double of Two Hearts. On a heart lead the contract went four down for 1100 to East - West.

At our table, where the average age was over 40, I passed, North opened One Spade, Senior doubled and rebid 2NT over my Two Diamond bid. That was passed out and, due to the lucky lie of the diamonds, came home with two overtricks.

☐ You can see the Hacketts playing in the Lederer Memorial Trophy this weekend at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, Earls Court. Session times are 2.00pm and 8.00pm on Saturday (October 28), and 1.00pm on Sunday (October 30). Tickets are £5 per session or £10 pounds for all three at the door. There is a strong international field taking part.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Russian brilliance

Yesterday I reviewed the brilliant play of Johannes Zukertort, Steinitz's first rival for the world championship. After Zukertort faded from the scene Steinitz's main challenger was the Russian Grandmaster Mikhail Chigorin.

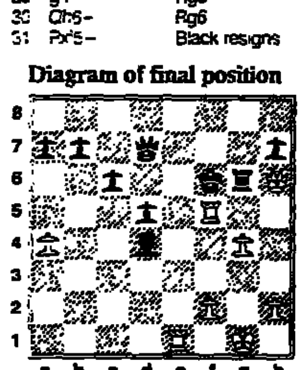
Chigorin played Steinitz twice in extended matches at world title level. On both occasions Chigorin's challenge was rebuffed, but not before he had scored some notably dashing triumphs with his favourite gambits systems, such as the Evans.

White: Mikhail Chigorin
Black: Wilhelm Steinitz
World Championship.
Havana 1892

Evans Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5
4	b4	Bxb4
5	c3	Ba5
6	0-0	d6
7	d4	Bg4
8	Bb5	exd4
9	cxd4	Bd7
10	Bb2	Nce7
11	Bxd7+	Qxd7
12	Na3	Nh6
13	Nc4	Bb6
14	a4	c6
15	e5	d5
16	Nd6+	Kf8
17	Ba3	Kg8
18	Rb1	Nhf5
19	Nxf7	Kxf7
20	e6+	Kxe6
21	Ne5	Qc8
22	Re1	Kf6
23	Qh5	g6
24	Bxe7+	Kxe7
25	Nxg6+	Kf6
26	Nxh8	Bxd4
27	Rb3	Qd7
28	Rf3	Rxh8
29	g4	Rg8
30	Qh6+	Rg6
31	Rxf5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times world championship book

All games of the world title match are now available with commentary by Raymond Keene in a *Times* book, World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand (Batsford £9.99). Credit card orders on 01376 327901 (please quote 5/655).

Staunton society dinner

The annual dinner of the Staunton Society, the purpose of which is to honour Britain's greatest player of the 19th century, Howard Staunton, and raise money for a memorial to him at Kensal Green Cemetery, London, will be held on November 6. It will be at Simpson's-in-the-Strand and if you wish to attend, contact Barry Martin, the secretary, on 0181-995 3516.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

APROSEXIA
a. Après-sex activities
b. Inability to concentrate
c. A climbing dahlia

QUACKSALVER
a. A doctor
b. A silver tray
c. A duck-farmer

DAPATICAL
a. Priestly
b. An academic holiday
c. Sumptuous

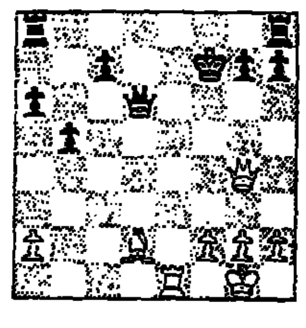
LUPANARIAN
a. To do with werewolves
b. A lupin/delphinium cross
c. Pertaining to brothels

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Anand, Intel World Championship, Game 10 1995. White has a ferocious attack with his three pieces combining effectively against the unprotected Black king. Nevertheless, it is not so easy to land the finishing blow. Can you spot a clear win for White? play.



Solution on page 46

REDCAR

THUNDERER
1.30 Corniche Quest. 2.00 Times Of Times. 2.30 Shabanaz. 3.00 Zacaroon. 3.30 Night Wink. 4.00 La Volta. 4.30 Glowing Jade.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 ROSES IN THE SNOW.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Domitia.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WILTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,020: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (3) 406 BELDRAY PARK 21 Mrs A King 9-0 A Garth 91
2 (6) 00 JIVE BABY 10 (B) N Sycroft 9-0 L Charnock –
3 (4) RR LUGANA BOY 33 A Smith 9-0 M Birch –
4 (9) 0220 MISTER JOEL 8 (B) M W Easterby 9-0 S Maloney 99
5 (5) 03 NITEOWL RAIDER 62 J A Harris 9-0 Martin Dwyer (7) 79
6 (11) 4455 CORNICHE QUEST 8 M Channon 8-9 R Hughes 98
7 (2) 8400 LADY ECLAT 31 (V) J Glover 8-9 S D Williams 95
8 (10) 0000 SPRING SILHOUETTE 11 (V) Mrs V Aconley 8-9 M Deering 89
9 (8) 6300 SUPERFRILLS 24 Miss L Siddall 8-9 T Williams 91
10 (7) 5 TIME TO TANGO 10 G Moore 8-9 D McKeown 92
11 (1) 0503 VEESEY 21 John Berry 8-9 M Fenton 97

11-4 Time To Tango, 7-2 Veesey, 5-1 Mister Joel, 6-1 Corniche Quest, 7-1 Superfrills, 8-1 Niteowl Raider, 10-1 Lady Eclat, 12-1 others.

2.00 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,644: 6f) (20)

1 (9) 1106 BOFFY 24 (D,G) B Baugh 9-7 Iona Wands (7) 99
2 (12) 1216 TIMES OF TIMES 23 (D,F,G) M Ryan 9-7 C Rutter 93
3 (17) 5601 BEAS RIVER 8 (D,G) W Muir 9-6 (7ex) W Woods 97
4 (7) 140 TROPICAL BEACH 13 (G) J Berry 9-4 P Roberts (7) 90
5 (11) 3560 PERCY PARK 39 M W Easterby 9-4 J Fanning 89
6 (10) 5040 POLISH SAGA 22 M Dods 8-13 N Connorton 96
7 (18) 6023 POLY BY STAUFAN 10 M Channon 8-13 R Hughes 86
8 (13) 4030 ECCENTRIC DANCER 10 M Bielby 8-13 S D Williams 86
9 (16) 4002 CAMIONNEUR 11 (B) M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 98
10 (3) 3200 HICKLETON MISS 11 (F) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 G Parkin (5) 96
11 (6) 1550 EVERYONE CAN DREAM 39 (F) Denys Smith 8-10 L Charnock 90
12 (6) 3590 TIME TO FLY 11 B Murray 8-10 T Williams 91
13 (15) 1460 ORIOLE 32 (D F) N Tinkler 8-9 Kim Tinkler 94
14 (19) 0300 KATIE KOMAITE 10 Capt J Wilson 8-9 P Fessey (5) 89
15 (5) 0665 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 11 S Norton 8-8 D McKeown 91
16 (14) 0000 SANDBLASTER 10 Mrs J Ramsden 8-7 S Sanders 80
17 (2) 2505 TALLULAH BELLE 24 N Littmoden 8-1 M Henry (5) 94
18 (11) 0500 TAUREAN FIRE 40 Mrs M Reveley 8-1 D Denby (7) 95
19 (20) 0000 ERPETITE 8 N Bycroft 7-12 S Maloney 91
20 (4) 660 CANDY'S DELIGHT 29 J Eyre 7-12 N Varley (3) 94

5-1 Times Of Times, 6-1 Beas River, 7-1 Poly By Staufan, 8-1 Camionneur, Boffy, 10-1 Tropical Beach, Time To Fly, 12-1 others.

2.30 BRASS CASTLE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,987: 1m 3f) (13)

1 (9) -903 ADALOALDO 10 P Kelleway 3-9-7 D McKeown 87
2 (2) 4806 MAWFUL 8 (F) J Hetherton 3-9-1 N Kennedy 95
3 (1) 4131 SHABANAZ 37 (D,F,G,S) W Muir 10-8-13 C Rutter 99
4 (11) 0-06 BOLD JOKER 10 G Oldroyd 4-8-11 J Lowe –
5 (6) /35- SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 408J R McKellar 5-8-9 J Fanning –
6 (7) 2036 BARDIA 29 (F) D Incisa 5-8-6 Kim Tinkler 78
7 (3) 8032 GOODBYE MILLIE 10 (V,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-8-6 R Lappin 98
8 (10) 0000 MARBLE 173 (D,G) M Meagher 4-8-2 N Varley (3) 95
9 (4) 056- STAMSHAW 164J W Storey 6-8-2 Dale Gibson 79
10 (12) 0-60 HERE COMES HERBIE 10 W Storey 3-8-1 P Fessey (5) –
11 (13) 00 HANDSOME SQUAW 126 B Murray 3-7-12 T Williams 77
12 (8) 8006 HUMZA STORY 5 (F) N Littmoden 3-7-12 M Henry (5) 96
13 (5) 00 NEWGATE HUSH 32 B Murray 3-7-12 Martin Dwyer (7) –

2-1 Shabanaz, 9-2 Mawful, 5-1 Goodbye Millie, 7-1 Adaloaldo, 10-1 Humza Story, Bold Joker, 12-1 Bardia, 14-1 others.

3.00 TELEPROMPTER LIMITED STAKES
(£2,966: 1m 2f) (9)

1 (9) 3031 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 10 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-5 A Culhane 90
2 (5) 4000 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 10 (B,F,G) J Leigh 4-9-3 M Birch 72
3 (1) -003 OCEAN PARK 5 Lady Herries 4-9-3 D McKeown 86
4 (3) 1F12 ANOTHER TIME 15 (BF,F,G) S Woods 3-9-2 W Woods 87
5 (2) 0041 ALMUHTARAM 21 (B,C,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-0 A Whelan (5) 91
6 (7) 6300 BALLARD RING 17 (F) J Wainwright 4-8-12 R Hughes 80
7 (8) -030 ERZIA 14 (C,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-12 L Charnock 90
8 (6) 2544 ZACAROON 10 (D,BF,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-12 S Sanders 99
9 (4) 4210 DOMITIA 13 (D,G) M Bell 3-8-9 M Fenton 94

3-1 Ocean Park, 4-1 Once More For Luck, 9-2 Another Time, 5-1 Almuhtaram, 6-1 Zacaroon, 7-1 Domitia, 16-1 Erzia, 12-1 others.

3.30 ELLERBY HANDICAP (£4,179: 1m) (14)

1 (3) 1000 SPANISH VERDICT 12 (C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 8-10-0 C Teague (5) 96
2 (8) 0013 NIGHT WINK 10 (BF,G) D Nicholls 3-9-12 Martin Dwyer (7) 98
3 (11) 4016 PIQUANT 83 (D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 8-9-11 S Sanders 91
4 (4) 3000 KING CHESTNUT 21 (B,C,D,F) M Dods 4-9-3 D McKeown 97
5 (1) 3300 IKTIMAAM 22 Mrs A Swinbank 3-9-1 N Connorton 98
6 (12) 0531 MBULWA 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Fahey 9-9-0 L Charnock 87
7 (2) 2004 THATCHED 12 (CD,F) R Barr 5-8-13 P Fessey (5) 87
8 (13) 0600 PINE RIDGE LAD 10 (F,G) J Eyre 5-8-13 S D Williams 96
9 (9) 0250 MY HANDY MAN 96 R Allan 4-8-10 A Culhane 98
10 (5) 6344 NOBBY BARNES 17 (D,F,G) D Incisa 6-8-4 Kim Tinkler 99
11 (7) 2090 EURO SCEPTIC 21 (B,F,G) M H Easterby 3-8-3 S Maloney 97
12 (14) -000 DALLY BOY 11 M H Easterby 3-8-1 J Lowe 92
13 (6) 0500 ROYAL COMEDIAN 24 (F,G) B Murray 6-7-13 T Williams 91
14 (10) 0600 SALLYOREALLY 10 W Storey 4-7-7 N Varley (3) 93

7-2 Mbulwa, 9-2 Night Wink, 5-1 Thatched, 6-1 Piquant, 8-1 Spanish Verdict, Pine Ridge Lad, 10-1 Nobby Barnes, 12-1 King Chestnut, 14-1 others.

4.00 CAPTAIN COOK CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,470: 7f) (5)

1 (2) 43 KARISMA 17 Denys Smith 8-11 T Williams 90
2 (1) SLEEPY BOY W Storey 8-11 J Fanning –
3 (5) 160 LA VOLTA 12 (F) J Fitzgerald 8-10 R Hughes 86
4 (4) 0 CALL ME JENDIE 10 J Leigh 8-6 D McKeown –
5 (3) 6220 ROSES IN THE SNOW 26 J Hills 8-6 M Henry (5) 99

7-4 Roses In The Snow, 2-1 La Volta, 3-1 Karisma, 8-1 Call Me Jendie, 20-1 Sleepy Boy

4.30 GANTON HANDICAP (£3,971: 7f) (15)

1 (11) 5005 NEW CENTURY 20 (D,F) D Nicholls 3-10-0 R Hughes 91
2 (12) 1000 KING RAT 17 (B,CD,F,G) T Etherington 4-9-10 C Rutter 98
3 (14) 3212 FAR AHEAD 22 (S) J Eyre 3-9-7 R Lappin 99
4 (7) 1360 PARLIAMENT PIECE 17 (CD,F,G) D Nicholls 9-9-4 N Connorton 95
5 (6) 4310 QUILLING 13 (CD,F) M Dods 3-9-2 D McKeown 96
6 (4) 4606 GLOWING JADE 15 (C,D,F,G) J Glover 5-9-1 S D Williams 91
7 (2) 2300 SUPERPRIDE 13 (S) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-0 A Culhane 89
8 (9) 2510 RID ORY 10 (CD,G) P Calver 4-9-0 N Varley (3) 95
9 (13) 4808 FIELD OF VISION 10 (CD,F) M Johnston 5-8-10 T Williams 93
10 (15) 0000 SUPER PARK 10 (B) M H Easterby 3-8-9 M Birch 95
11 (3) 2200 SUPER BENZ 57 (CD,F,G,S) F O'Mahony 9-8-7 L Newton (5) 95
12 (1) 0422 MISTER WESTSOUND 21 (B,F) Miss L Perratt 3-8-6 Martin Dwyer (7) 94
13 (8) 0000 PENNY'S WISHING 10 (S) J Leigh 3-7-12 P Fessey (5) 96
14 (10) 0-30 ALABANG 47 M Camacho 4-7-8 L Charnock 92
15 (5) 0050 MU-ARRIK 10 (V,C,F,G) G Oldroyd 7-7-7 J Lowe 85

9-2 Far Ahead, 5-1 New Century, 6-1 Rid Ory, 7-1 Parliament Piece, 8-1 Quilling, Mister Westsound, 10-1 Super Benz, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; M Bell, 8 from 41, 22%; J Glover, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Hills, 5 from 32, 15.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 54 from 368, 14.8%; M Channon, 4 from 27, 14.8%; M Camacho, 5 from 43, 11.6%.

JOCKEYS: S D Williams, 5 winners from 36 rides, 13.9%; D McKeown, 17 from 147, 11.6%. Only qualifiers.

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Glover has Evry winner

JEREMY GLOVER collected with his first runner abroad when South Rock, ridden by Paul Eddery, ran out a game winner of the Prix de Saint-Cyr (7f) at Evry yesterday.

The British filly capitalised on a fast start and, after going clear entering the straight, stuck to her guns to repel Karliyka by a head. Glover reported that South Rock is likely to be retired.

The trainer's dual Cambridgeshire winner, Rambo's Hall, was backed from 25-1 to 16-1 with William Hill yesterday for the Tote Credit November Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday week.

Leicester

Going: firm

1.15 (1m 8yd) 1, Cicerone (D Sweeney, 7-1 jt-fav); 2, Mighty Kingdom (10-1); 3, Evanso (20-1); 4, Anotherone To Note (20-1). Oozlem 7-1 jt-fav. 19 ran. NR: Miss Iron Heart. Hd, 2½l. J L Harris. Tote: £8.00; £1.30, £5.00, £10.00, £4.70. DF: £33.60. CSF: £75.59. Tricast: £1,249.82. Trio: not won.

1.45 (7f 9yd) 1, Dance On A Cloud (M Hills, 10-1); 2, Apache Len (8-1); 3, Danish Circus (3-1). Name Of Our Father 9-4 fav. 11 ran. 2l, 1¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £31.20. Trio: £32.30. CSF: £65.98.

2.15 (7f 9yd) 1, Worldwide Elsie (A Mackay, 6-1); 2, Daunting Destiny (11-2); 3, Catwob (9-2 fav). 12 ran. NR: Northern Clan. 1l, nk. R Harris. Tote: £7.30; £2.80, £2.50, £2.40. DF: £29.30. Trio: £45.60. CSF: £36.57. Tricast: £150.38.

2.45 (5f 218yd) 1, Wildwood Flower (Dane O'Neill, 6-1); 2, Samara (14-1); 3, Stately Dancer (3-1 fav). 18 ran. 3¼l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £5.40, £2.00. DF: £84.20. Trio: £93.90. CSF: £94.31.

3.15 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Al Widyan (R Cochrane, 7-1); 2, Beauchamp Jade (6-1); 3, Speed To Lead (12-1). Sanoosea Evens fav. 6 ran. 2l, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £9.90; £2.40, £2.30. DF: £19.70. CSF: £40.76.

3.45 (7f 9yd) 1, Shalboog (R Price, 9-4; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Karayb (2-1); 3, Crystal Cavern (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Mr Bergerac. 1¾l, 5l. R Armstrong. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.40.

4.15 (5f 218yd) 1, Sizzling (Dane O'Neill, 16-1); 2, Dashing Dancer (14-1); 3, Kira (12-1); 4, Prima Silk (8-1 jt-fav). Gone Savage 8-1 jt-fav. 22 ran. Hd, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £24.50; £6.50, £3.60, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £95.60. Trio: £377.90. CSF: £236.82. Tricast: £2,584.52.

Jackpot: £87,219.50 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £95,200.34 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £172.70. Quadpot: £178.40.

Nap: HAWKISH
(4.15 Leicester)
Next best: Lady Carla
(2.45 Leicester)

Lingfield Park

Going: good (turf); standard (AW)

1.00 (7f) 1, Jazyah (W Carson, 3-4 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Ever Sunrise (20-1); 3, Halim (4-1). 14 ran. 2l, ¾l. R Armstrong. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £5.70, £1.80. DF: £44.20. Trio: £50.60. CSF: £13.98.

1.30 (7f) 1, Set The Fashion (D Harrison, 6-1); 2, Live Project (20-1); 3, Maid Welcome (10-1). African Chimes 7-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Milos, Tonys Gift. ½l, 1¼l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £9.90; £2.20, £8.40, £3.60. DF: £84.80. Trio: £280.40.

2.00 (7f) 1, Taamiata (J Reid, Evens fav); 2, Royal Diversion (12-1); 3, Rasy (14-1). 13 ran. 2l, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.70, £2.30. DF: £10.70. Trio: £31.70. CSF: £15.18.

2.30 (5f) 1, Tadeo (J Reid, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Songsheet (5-2); 3, Comic Fantasy (2-1 jt-fav). 7 ran. 3½l, 1l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £2.30. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.38.

3.00 (1m 6f) 1, High Patriarch (K Darley, 4-1); 2, Tibetan (8-1); 3, Taldi (evens fav). 11 ran. 2l, 13l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £9.00. Trio: £5.20. CSF: £34.45.

3.30 (7f) 1, Alhaws (R Hills, 14-1); 2, Alembar (9-4 fav); 3, Burabox Boy (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Mellow Master. 3l, nk. C Benstead. Tote: £23.20; £4.50, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £15.30. Trio: £54.90. CSF: £47.44.

4.00 (7f) 1, Ashjar (R Hills, 7-2); 2, Glen Parker (3-1); 3, Parsis (13-2). Oberon's Dart 15-8 fav. 9 ran. 3l, 6l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £8.40. Trio: £9.70. CSF: £14.41.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, Merit (C Rutter, 11-1); 2, Loki (9-2 fav); 3, Pinegggo (11-2). 13 ran. ½l, 8l. P Cole. Tote: £11.70; £3.70, £2.70, £2.50. DF: £29.50. Trio: £32.00. CSF: £60.02. Tricast: £286.48.

Placepot: £72.10. Quadpot: £5.80.

Spectre of World Series clean sweep beginning to haunt Cleveland

Atlanta creeping up on greatness

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE IN ATLANTA

THE Atlanta Braves are probably already the baseball team of the Nineties — but try telling them that.

They are playing in their third World Series in five years — and one of the barren seasons was caused by the players' strike — but it is not enough. On Sunday night they beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3 here to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. They travel to Cleveland for game three *tonight* in a position of rare strength. Of the 42 teams who have won the opening two of a series, 32 have gone on to win the championship.

The Braves ought to be in high spirits but a mood of grim determination persists. Simply put, they are afraid of becoming the Buffalo Bills of baseball. The Bills were a very good team, good enough to reach four consecutive Super Bowls but not good enough to win any of them. Now their name is synonymous with failure.

"I am sure we are going to answer questions all week long about the Buffalo Bills of baseball," pitcher Tom Glavine said before starting the second game on Sunday. The Braves know they are a very good team, possibly a great one, but they still have not won a World Series and until they do, they are afraid of becoming known as losers.

So each success is one small step towards that first championship and killing off the idea of the Atlanta Bills.

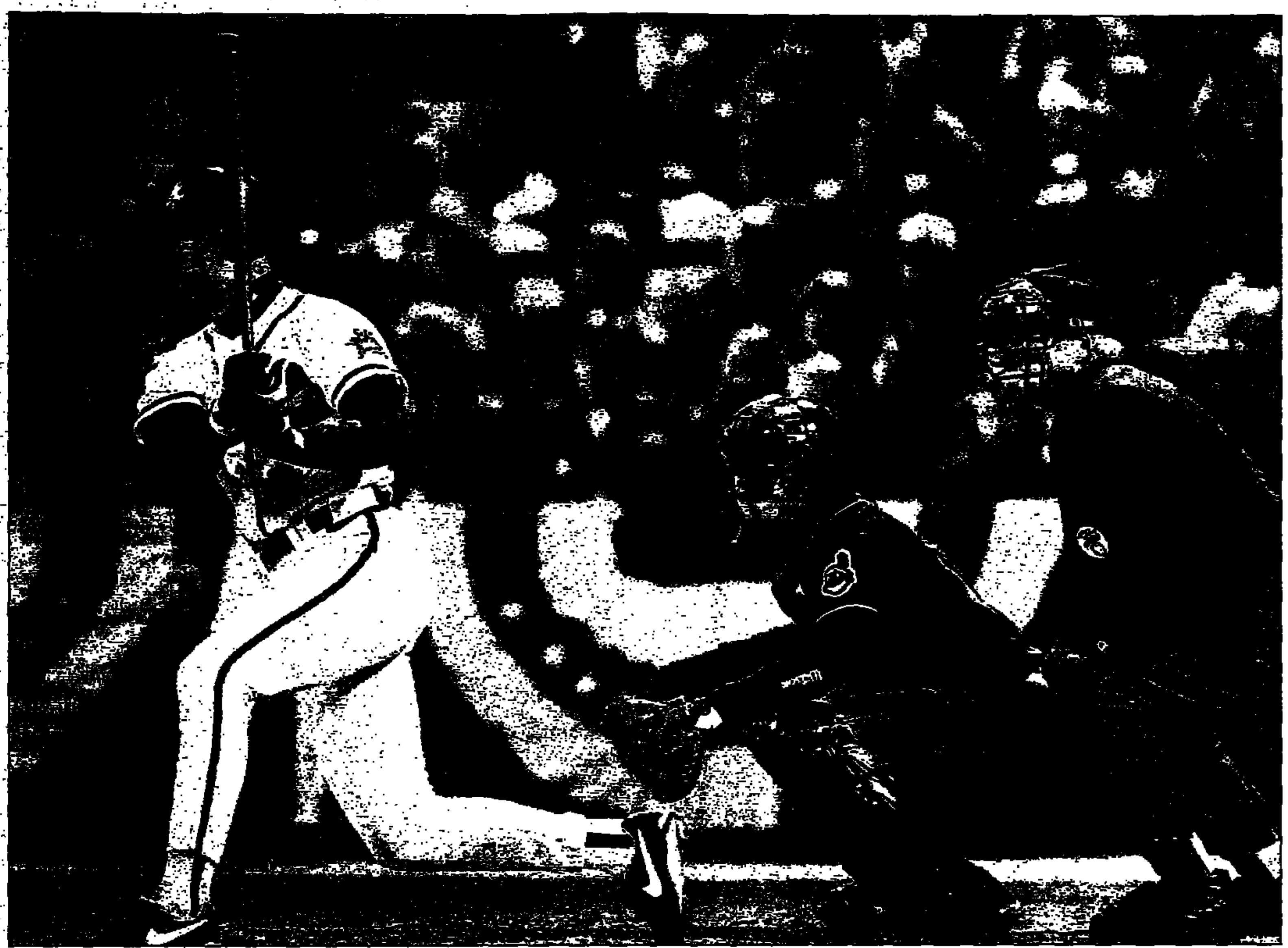
After the second victory against Cleveland, Bobby Cox, the Braves' manager, followed the team policy of refusing to be carried away. "You have to win four games," he said. "We have only won two." He looked around to see if his point was well made. "We have to win two more."

Glavine was not his usual dominant self on Sunday but after an early mistake, a high pitch which Eddie Murray was able to bash over left-field for a two-run homer, he settled down. The Braves manufactured two runs in the third, with Chipper Jones and David Justice driving in the scorers, then moved ahead on a marvellous two-run home-run from Javy Lopez, their catcher, in the sixth.

Cleveland recovered one run when Kenny Lofton singled, stole a base then took advantage of a fielding error by Mike Devereaux and a wild pitch from reliever Greg McMichael, but they could draw no closer.

They had started the game full of romantic hopes. Their pitcher, Dennis Martinez — a Nicaraguan — was starting a series game for the first time since 1979. At 40, he was the third oldest pitcher to start a series game and the oldest since 1929 but he never recovered from a poor first inning, when he loaded the bases. Although he escaped without a run, he had to throw 25 pitches and never regained his poise.

For years, Martinez has been a hero to Spanish-speaking baseball fans but in Lopez they may have discovered a ready-made replacement. Not only did his home run prove the decisive score, but his key defensive play, picking off Manny Ramirez at first base, killed off an Indians' rally in the eighth inning.



Lopez, Atlanta's Puerto Rican catcher, made perfect contact for this two-run homer in the sixth inning. Photograph: Mark Duncan

GAME TWO DETAILS

Team	Innings									Runs	Hits	Errors
Cleveland	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	6	2
Atlanta	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	X	4	8	2

A Puerto Rican, Lopez conducted his post-game interviews in Spanish and imperfect English. He was only a bit player in the Braves' earlier successes but now he has emerged as one of the obvious stars of the future. The determined seriousness of his older team-mates has yet to obscure his natural exuberance. "This is a great feeling," he said. "Everyone wants to be a hero. I am in the World Series and now I have become a hero in the second game. That's something I will never forget."

Cleveland, meanwhile, must find some heroes of their own — and soon. This is their first World Series since 1954 and the excitement of their wonderful 1995 season — a hundred wins in a 144 games — has suddenly disappeared. In 1954 they won 111 games then were swept 4-0 by the New York Giants in the World Series.

The possibility of a similar fate has suddenly become real to them. They must win tonight. No team has recovered from losing the first three games.

Stevens bows to experience

BY PHIL YATES

MATTHEW STEVENS, from Carmarthen, just a year old when Steve Davis turned professional in 1978, found his opponent's wealth of experience an insurmountable hurdle in the last 16 of the Skoda Grand Prix in Sunderland yesterday.

Davis, who is attempting to win the tournament for a record fourth time, registered a 5-2 victory but, on his television debut, Stevens, a former United Kingdom and Welsh junior champion, acquitted himself well. In some respects the score flattered Davis.

A 45 break helped Stevens win the first frame and when Davis misjudged a three-ball plant on 50 in the second, Stevens fashioned an 86 clearance, which made Davis realise that he had to tighten his game.

As he has done on countless occasions, the former world champion slowed the pace and succeeded in breaking his opponent's rhythm. The third frame lasted 27 minutes and the fourth 49 as Davis drew level at 2-2.

Davis produced his highest run of the match, 57, to lead 3-2 and was 48-8 ahead in the sixth frame when he missed a long red. Stevens responded with a break of 38 but "jawed" a tricky pink with 3-3 in his sights.

A delicate clip using the rest enabled Davis to pot the pink along the top cushion for 4-2 and he applied the finishing touches with a solid 46 break in the seventh frame.

Davis, whose last grand prix triumph came in 1989, now meets Steve James for a place in the semi-finals. "In a situation like that, when you're up against the ropes, it sometimes pays to cover up," Davis said. "Basically, that's what I did."

Stevens, who made his mark by winning 33 of his 37 matches during the summer qualifying school, was impressed by Davis's style of play, even though it was alien to his own.

"Steve's been grinding like this for a long time and he's brilliant at what he does," he said.

Hawks have devil of a time

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

HUMBERSIDE Hawks may have qualified for the semi-finals of ice hockey's Benson and Hedges Cup, but their league form is far from impressive and two weekend defeats saw them sink to the bottom of the premier division.

They fought hard against Cardiff Devils, who led 3-1 at the end of the second period, but could score only once in the third, in spite of constant pressure on Steve Lyle in the Cardiff goal.

That win took the Devils to joint top with Nottingham Panthers while Basingstoke Bison, another team to suffer two defeats, slipped to third place. Durham Wasps, whose loss at Basingstoke three weeks ago was their first of the season, gained ample revenge. They had run up an 8-2 lead by late in the second period and held on easily for victory.

Fife Flyers, recent strugglers, followed their first league win on Saturday — over the Bison — with a 6-6 draw against the improving Milton Keynes Kings. Sheffield Steelers returned to league action after their European weekend with two impressive displays, scoring 20 goals, of which Ken Priestlay contributed six and Tony Hand five to the overall total. Newcastle Warriors — who suffered a 14-1 loss to the Steelers — are due to move into a new 7,000-seat arena next month, but will have trouble filling it if they do not show rapid improvement.

Manchester Storm are still unbeaten in the first division, but dropped a point for the first time, held 7-7 by Paisley Pirates, who led 4-0 by midway through the first period. A four-goal third period salvaged a point for Storm.

Billingham Bombers are still looking for their first point, but came frustratingly close, Graeme MacLean hitting the winner with less than a minute to go in Murrayfield Royals' 9-8 success.

RESULTS: British League: Premier division: Durham 10 Basingstoke 6, Fife 6 Milton Keynes 6, Humberside 2 Cardiff 3; Newcastle 1 Sheffield 14. First division: Billingham 4 Guildford 8; Blackburn 5 Dumfries 4, Manchester 7 Paisley 7, Medway 3 Bracknell 5, Murrayfield 2 Telford 3, Peterborough 7 Chelmsford 8, Solihull 1 Swindon 6

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kankkunen leads in penultimate event

JUHA KANKKUNEN, the world motor rallying championship leader, set the early pace in the Catalonian Rally, in Lloret der Mar, yesterday. The event forms the penultimate round of the championship. Kankkunen trailed Armin Schwarz, of Germany, after the first of the nine stages scheduled for yesterday, but a victory and another second place in the next two stages put the Finn in the lead.

However, his closest rivals for the championship were chasing hard. Colin McRae, of Scotland, lying second overall, seven points behind in the title race, was in fourth place yesterday, a quarter of a second back after the sixth stage. Carlos Sainz, of Spain, 12 points behind Kankkunen, was in second, nine hundreths of a second behind the leader. Didier Auriol, of France, separated the two challengers while Tommi Makinen, of Finland, continued to climb up the leaderboard and held seventh place.

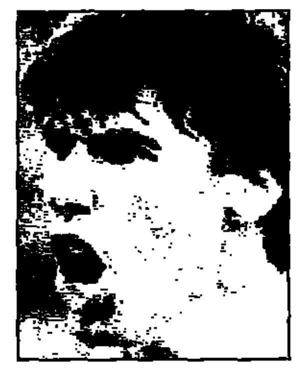
Appeal turned down

SQUASH: The World Squash Federation (WSF) has turned down an appeal by Pakistan against their second seeding for the world championships, to be held in Cairo from November 13 to 18. Pakistan objected to being seeded behind Australia, the former holders, whom they beat in the final two years ago in Karachi, but the WSF seedings committee confirmed yesterday that Pakistan remain second seeds, as their team has been weakened by the retirement of Jahangir Khan since they won the championship.

Gooding holds nerve

REAL TENNIS: Mike Gooding, the British professional, won the first significant singles title of his career when he defeated Robert Fahey, of Australia, the world champion, to take the French open championship at Fontainebleau. Gooding, from Hatfield, started strongly, taking the first set for the loss of only two games. Fahey raised his game and won the next two sets, and at 5-5 in the fourth was two points from the title, but Gooding kept his nerve and rallied to win 6-2, 2-6, 1-6, 6-5, 6-3.

Stich's six-week break



TENNIS: Michael Stich, right, of Germany, the former Wimbledon champion, was told yesterday that he must rest for at least six weeks, after sustaining ankle ligament injuries in a bad fall during a match in Vienna last week. The world No 12 will not, however, need an operation as had been initially expected. Medical tests in Munich revealed no fissures or breaks in his left foot.

Duthie's coaching role

HOCKEY: James Duthie, a member of the Great Britain team that won the Olympic bronze medal at Los Angeles in 1984, has been appointed team coach in the preparation of the Britain men's squad for the Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona from January 18 to 29. He will assist the chief coach, David Whitaker, and the manager, David Whittle. The build-up will include two matches against Belgium in Brussels and three against Egypt. A preliminary squad of 27 will be announced next week.

Law loses early lead

YACHTING: Chris Law saw the Brut Gold Cup slip through his fingers in Bermuda on Sunday when Peter Gilmour, of Australia, a former world champion, beat him 3-1 in the final of the sport's oldest match-race championship. Law finished about £12,000 better off for his efforts and with his standing restored in the top ten of the world rankings. Law, who lives in Bermuda, took the first race in Hamilton harbour but failed to match the slicker work of the Australian crew in the next three.

Loheit goes clear to win

EQUESTRIANISM: Marina Loheit, 27, of Germany, won the Brittany Ferries three-day event at Le Lion d'Angers, in France, when a clear round on Bottcher's Longchamps in the final show jumping phase enabled her to overtake Marie Christine Duroy, of France, the leader after the dressage and cross-country sections. Mark Todd, riding the Somerset-based Warren Gorse, also recorded a clear round to take second place. Karen Dixon, riding Simply The Best, was the leading British rider, finishing fourth.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

ATLANTA: World Series: Atlanta 4 Cleveland 3 (Atlanta lead best-of-seven series 2-0).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 86 Leopards 107, Hemel Hempstead 82 Manchester 88; London 92 Newcastle 70; Leicester 68 Worthing 84; 7UP Trophy: Doncaster 52 Derby 80.

BOWLS

ALL-ENGLAND MIXED INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Copeland w/o Consett scr; Eldon bt Dalston 90-69; South Shields bt Primrose 137-42; Spalding bt East Lindsey 89-55; Boston bt Addlethorpe 93-60; Lincoln bt Horn Castle 101-67, Long Sutton bt West Lindsey 106-51, Stamford bt Sleaford 79-71; Scunthorpe bt Dunholme 100-61; Gedling bt Rushcliffe 75-73; South Forest w/o Church Gresley scr; Nottingham bt Hucknall 150-54; Bassetlaw bt Erewash 79-71; Newark bt Carlton 90-76, Barwell bt Milton Mowbray 95-60; Charnwood bt Ashfield 109-42; Huntingdon and Godmanchester bt Ross Peers 91-54; March bt Brandon 97-69; North Walsham bt Nofolk 88-63; Marina bt Lowestoft Railway 88-73; Sole Bay bt Beccles 101-78; Mid Suffolk bt Felixstowe 98-74; Ipswich bt Diss 87-78; Woodspring bt Taunton Deane 80-65; Victoria (Street) bt Watchet 86-65; Mid Devon bt Taunton 84-73; British Cellophane bt Donyatt 89-66; Exmouth Madeira bt Torquay United 82-74; Exonia bt Torbay 96-58.

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CYCLING

PARIS: Nations Open: Second round: Individual sprint: 1, F Magne (Fr); 2, D Hill (Aus); 3, J Fiedler (Ger). Team sprint: 1, France; 2, Australia; 3, Germany. Individual pursuit: 1, A Collinelli (It); 2, M Friedick (US); 3, S O'Grady (Aus). Team pursuit: 1, Germany; 2, United States; 3, Australia. Points: 1, O'Grady; 2, J Llaneras (Sp); 3, D Hondo (Ger). Elimination: 1, F Paris (It); 2, S Blochwitz (Ger); 3, O'Grady. Flying start: 1, F Rousseau (Fr), 2, M Nothstein (US); 3, J Moreno (Sp). Overall standings: 1, France 108pts; 2, Australia 95; 3, Germany 94; 4, United States 83; 5, Italy 79; 6, Spain 64; 7, Denmark 53; 8, France B 47.

ROAD RACE: Ottershaw Series (Surrey, 107km): 1, W Wright (TS Tameside) 2hr 45min; 2, P Swettenham (Twickenham CC) at 44sec; 3, S Howells (Corinium CC) same time.

EQUESTRIANISM

MONTERREY: Viceroy Derby: 1, Let's Go II (M Whitaker, GB) clear, 1min 49.43sec; 2, Ortebre (J Madariaga, Mex) clear, 1:50 48.

LE LION D'ANGER: Three-day event: Individual: 1, Bottcher's Longchamps (M Lohez, Ger) 49.8pts; 2, Warren Gorse (M Todd, NZ) 50.8; 3, Voyou V Brittany Ferries (M-C Duroy, Fr) 51.4; 4, Simply The Best (K Dixon, GB) 59.2. Other British: 7, Quart Glass (K Gifford) 63.2; 14, Kilkea Castle (O Moore) 70.35, 17, Redwood V (N Wenban) 74.85; 25, Rainbow Magic (P Funnell) 81.8; 31, Rosendahl (W Miflin) 88.70. Team: 1, France 187 8; 2, Australia 222.6; 3, Japan 259.45. Young horse: 1, Warren Gorse; 2, Simply The Best; 3, Kindred Spirit II (M Ryan) 61

FOOTBALL

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Amadora 0 Tirsense 0; Belenenses 0 Salgueiros 1, Boavista 5 Braga 2; Porto 5 Campomaiorense 0; Leca 2 Farense 1; Gil Vicente 1 Uniao Leiria 0; Chaves 1 Benfica 2; Guimaraes 2 Felgueiras 0.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independiente 1 Colon 2; Gimnasia de Jujuy 1 Racing Club 2; Gimnasia y Esgrima 2 Argentinos Juniors 1; Newell's Old Boys 2 Belgrano 1, Lanus 0 Velez 0; Ferrocarril Oeste 3 Banfield 3; Platense 1 Rosario Central 1, Huracan 0 River Plate 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Flamengo 2 Bahia 2; Criciuma 1 Corinthians 1; São Paulo 2 Juventude 2; Uniao São Joao 2 Parana 1; Fluminense 2 Vitoria 1; Vasco 6 Paysandu 1; Goias 3 Guarani 1; Botafogo 2 Sport 1, Portuguesa 3 Gremio 2; Atletico-MG 1 Bragantino 1; Santos 2 Cruzeiro 1; Internacional 2 Palmeiras 0.

WOMEN'S FA NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 1 Croydon 1; Everton 3 Ilkeston Town Rangers 2; Millwall Lionesses 1, Doncaster Belles 6; Villa Aztecs 2 Wembley 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 Liverpool 6.

UK LIVING WOMEN'S FA CUP: Second round: Barry 2 Cheltenham YMCA 1.

FA WOMENS LEAGUE CUP: First round: Brentford 1 Tranmere 7; Ipswich 2 Berkhamsted 3; Kidderminster Harr 0 Garswood St Helens 5; Leyton Orient 4 Notts County 2; RTM Newcastle 1 Langford 2; Southampton Saints 3 Sheff Wed 1, Three Bridges 3 Oxford 0; Town and County 1 Brighton and Hove 0; Wimbledon 3 Huddersfield 2.

GOLF

SAN ANTONIO: Texas Open: Final scores (US unless stated). 268: D Waldorf 66, 66, 71, 65. 274: J Leonard 67, 70, 69, 68. 280: J Morse 70, 69, 71, 70; J Mahaffey 67, 71, 71, 71; L Roberts 84, 72, 73, 71. 281: M Standly 68, 71, 74, 68; J D Blake 67, 67, 70, 77. 282: J Haas 68, 68, 74, 72. 283: M Wiebe 74, 69, 70, 70; L Rinker 70, 68, 72, 75. 284: S Jones 70, 73, 73, 68; B Bryant 67, 72, 73, 72. 285: B McCallister 68, 73, 73, 71; J McGovern 72, 70, 71, 72. 286: P Stewart 69, 71, 78, 68; P Azinger 68, 74, 78, 68; M Brisky 74, 65, 77, 70; T Armour III 69, 71, 75, 71; D Hammond 65, 78, 74, 71; K Perry 69, 72, 74, 71; O Uresti 72, 70, 71, 73. British: 295: D Feherty 71, 73, 75, 76.

LOS ANGELES: Ralphs Senior Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 201: J Bland 69, 67, 65. 202: J Colbert 65, 70, 67. 203: T Dill 67, 69, 67; D Stockton 68, 67, 68. 204: A Geiberger 69, 69, 66. 205: C Rodriguez 68, 68, 69; L Gilbert 67, 65, 73. 208: H Irwin 70, 72, 64; B Allin 67, 70, 69; M Barber 70, 68, 68. 207: C Peete 69, 69, 69. R McBee 67, 70, 70, K Zarley 69, 67, 71. Other scores: 209: R Charles (NZ) 71, 69, 69. 212: G Marsh (Aus) 71, 72, 69; G Player (SA) 69, 72, 71. 218: A Jacklin (GB) 73, 72, 71.

HOCKEY

FLEETWOOD: Under-18 Internationals: England 2 Ireland 4; England 2 Ireland 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 5 St Louis 2; Ottawa 4 New York Rangers 2; Anaheim 6 Winnipeg 2, San Jose 1 Edmonton 1 (OT); Chicago 5 Philadelphia 4

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham 10 Basingstoke 6; Fife 6 Milton Keynes 6; Humberside 2 Cardiff 3; Newcastle 1 Sheffield 14. First division: Billingham 4 Guildford 8; Blackburn 5 Dumfries 4, Manchester 7 Paisley 7; Medway 3 Bracknell 5; Murrayfield 2 Telford 3. Peterborough 7 Chelmsford 8; Solihull 1 Swindon 6.

MODERN PENTATHLON

BENENDON SCHOOL: Sealions Open: Men: 1, S Robbie (Sealions) 5,075pts (fencing 976pts; swimming 1,028; shooting 976; running 995, riding 1,100); 2, E Egan (Oxford Univ) 4,825; 3, P Mitchell (Northumbria) 4,817. Women: 1, K Allenby (Sealions) 5,353 (1,092, 1,180, 940, 1,090, 1,051); 2, S Lewis (Dundee) 5,350; 3, G Lewis (Dundee) 5,215. Inter-club: 1, Sealions 14,479, 2, Oxford University 13,556, 3, Cambridge University 12,927

MOTOR RALLYING

LLORET DE MAR: Catalunya Rally (after four of nine special stages): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin, Toyota Celica) 49min 16sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru Impreza) at 9sec, 3, D Auriol (Fr, Toyota Celica) 16, 4, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) 17, 5, A Schwarz (Ger, Toyota Celica) 22, 6, F Delecour (Fr, Ford Escort) 29, 7, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 32; 8, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) 39. 9, A Aghini (It, Mitsubishi Lancer) 54; 10, G Trelles (Uru, Toyota Celica) 1:00.

MIDLAND RALLY (Mid Wales). 1, C Mellors (Escort Cosworth) 1hr 16min 1sec; 2, Gillanders (Escort Cosworth) 1:16.49; 3, S Smith (Lancia Delta Integrale) 1:18.31

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French Open championships (GB unless stated): Semi-finals: R Fahey (Aus) bt N Wood 5-6, 6-1, 5-6, 6-0, 6-4, M Gooding bt C Bray 6-1, 6-2, 6-5. Final: Gooding bt Fahey 6-2, 2-6, 1-6, 6-5, 6-3.

RIFLE SHOOTING

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas: United States Forces skill at arms meeting: Service rifles (teams of 10, maximum score 3,000): 1, British Army 2,532pts, 2, British Territorial Army 2,526; 3, US National Guard 2,518, 4, US Army Reserve 2,502.

SNOOKER

SUNDERLAND: Skoda Grand Prix: Third round: A McManus (Scot) bt K Doherty (Ire) 5-1.

WATER POLO

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Birkenhead 11 Polytechnic 9, Paragon 8 Penguin 10; Bristol 22 Cheltenham 5, Lancaster 11 Nova 7. Second division: Bradford 10 Exeter 10; Middlesbrough 7 Coventry 17, Tyldesley 8 Warley 8. Third division: Weston-super-Mare 10 Reading 3

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday October 28 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Aston Villa v Everton X
2 Blackburn v Chelsea X
3 Leeds v Coventry 1
4 Liverpool v Man City 1
5 Man Utd v Middlesbro 1
6 QPR v Nott'm F 1
7 Sheff Wed v West Ham X
8 Wimb'don v South'pton 1

Not on coupons: Bolton v Arsenal (Monday); Tottenham v Newcastle (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

9 Grimsby v Stoke 2
10 Leicester v C Palace 1
11 Millwall v West Brom 2
12 Portsmouth v Watford 1
13 Reading v Ipswich 1
14 Southend v Hudd'fld 2
15 Sunderland v Barnsley 1
16 Wolves v Sheff Utd 1

Not on coupons: Derby v Oldham; Luton v Charlton (Sunday), Norwich v Tranmere (Sunday), Port Vale v Birmingham (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

17 Blackpool v Oxford 1
18 Bourn'm'th v Carlisle 1
19 Bradford v Burnley 2
20 Brighton v Bristol R 1
21 Bristol C v Walsall 1
22 Crewe v Brentford 1
23 Notts Co v Swindon X
24 Peterboro v York 1
25 Shr'sbury v Roth'ham X
26 Stockp't v Chest'field 2
27 Wrexham v Swansea 1
28 Wycombe v Hull 1

THIRD DIVISION

29 Cardiff v Colchester X
30 Darlington v Plymouth 1
31 Doncaster v Preston 2
32 Exeter v Lincoln 1
33 Fulham v Hereford X
34 Hartlepool v Gill'gham 2
35 Leyton O v Wigan 1
36 Mansfield v Bury 1
37 North'pton v Barnet 1
38 Rochdale v Cambr'ge 1
39 Scarboro v Chester X
40 Torquay v Scunthorpe X

SCOTTISH PREMIER

41 Celtic v Aberdeen 2
42 Falkirk v Hearts 1
43 Hibernian v Kilmarn'k 1
44 Partick v Motherwell X
45 Raith v Rangers 2

SCOTTISH FIRST

46 Airdrie v Dundee 2
47 Clydebank v Hamilton 1
48 Dumbarton v Morton 2
49 Dundee U v Dunf'line X
50 St Johnst'n v St Mirren 2

SCOTTISH SECOND

51 Ayr v East Fife 2
52 Forfar v Clyde 1
53 Q of S'th v Montrose 1
54 Stirling v Berwick 2
55 Stranraer v Stenh'muir 2

SCOTTISH THIRD

56 Albion v Alloa 2
57 Brechin v Caledonian X
58 Cowdenb'th v Q Park 1

Not on coupons: Livingston v Arbroath, Ross v East Stirling

DRAWS (home teams): Aston Villa, Blackburn, Sheffield Wednesday, Notts County, Shrewsbury, Cardiff, Fulham, Scarborough, Torquay, Partick, Dundee United, Brechin.

BEST DRAWS: Blackburn, Notts County, Shrewsbury, Cardiff, Torquay.

AWAYS: Stoke, Huddersfield, Burnley, Preston, Gillingham.

HOMES: Liverpool, Wimbledon, Reading, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Bristol City, Wycombe, Exeter, Mansfield, Rochdale, Hibernian, Cowdenbeath.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Wimbledon, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Mansfield, Rochdale. Aways: Stoke, Preston, Gillingham. Draws: Notts County, Shrewsbury, Cardiff

Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Coca-Cola Cup
Third round
* Barnsley v Arsenal (7.45)
Birmingham v Tranmere (7.45)
Bolton v Leicester (7.45)
Reading v Bury (7.45)
Watford v Blackburn (7.45)

Auto Windscreens Shield
Northern section
Rochdale v Darlington

Vauxhall Conference
Runcorn v Macclesfield (7.45)

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final
Rangers v Aberdeen
(at Hampden Park, 8.0)

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replays: Colwyn Bay v Stalybridge (7.45), Rushden and Diamonds v Purfleet (7.45), Wisbech v Billericay (7.45); Bromsgrove v Kettering (7.45), Bashley v Newport (IoW) (7.45), Marlow v Gravesend and Northfleet (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Stafford; Baldock v Hastings; Cambridge City v VS Rugby; Cheltenham v Halesowen (7.45), Gresley v Ilkeston. Midland division: Bedworth v Leicester United, Bridgnorth v Dudley Town; Buckingham Town v Corby; Hinckley Town v Moor Green; Kings Lynn v Grantham; Racing Club Warwick v Nuneaton; Stourbridge v Tamworth. Southern division: Ashford v Braintree; Cinderford v Trowbridge; Margate v Fisher 93; Tonbridge Angels v Sittingbourne; Weston-super-Mare v Yate, Weymouth v Clevedon; Witney v Forest Green.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey v Hayes (7.45); Hitchin v St Albans; Sutton United v Harrow. Second division: Banstead v Egham, Chalfont St Peter v Collier Row. Third division: Southall v Hornchurch; Wealdstone v Aveley.

UNIBOND LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Atherton LR v Winsford; Barrow v Accrington Stanley; Chorley v Marine; Eastwood Town v Alfreton; Harrogate Town v Emley; Lancaster v Knowsley, Leek v Buxton, Matlock Town v Gainsborough; Alfreton v Leigh; Workington v Bamber Bridge; Worksop v Boston.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Southampton, Portsmouth v Swindon (7.0); Queens Park Rangers v Millwall (at Harrow Borough, 7.0). West Ham v Arsenal (7.0). League Cup: Plymouth v Torquay (2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Manchester City v Mansfield (6.45).

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: First round: Connah's Quay v Holywell; Rhyl v Flint Town; Llansantffraid v Newtown; Barry v Afan Lido, Inter Cardiff v Ton Pentre.

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Crusaders v Bangor, Linfield v Glentoran. Postponed: Cliftonville v Glenavon; Omagh v Portadown

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier Division League Cup: Second round: Malvern v Lichfield; Stourport v Stafford; Tividale v Wolverhampton Casuals

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Bowers v Tiptree; Halstead v Brentwood, Basildon U v Harwich and Parkeston; Stanway v Waltham Abbey

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell v Frome; Chippenham v Taunton; Mangotsfield v Calne; Odd Down v Paulton

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Bicester v Fairford.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hillier Senior Cup: First round replay: Northampton Spencer v S and L Corby.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Industrial Rewinds Cup: First round: Chasetown v Shifnal. First round replays: Barwell v Halesowen Harriers; Willenhall v Rocester. Second round: Boldmere St Michaels v Oldbury; Shepshed Dynamo v Sandwell Borough.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Cornard

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bemerton Heath v Eastleigh; Bournemouth v Ryde Sports, Gosport v Swanage and Herston.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Langford v Buckingham Athletic.

LCL PILS NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Alnwick v Shildon; Ashington v Evenwood; Hebburn v Crook; RTM Newcastle v Stockton, South Shields v Billingham Synthonia; Tow Law v Morpeth; West Auckland v Dunston Federation

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Clitheroe, Darwen v Rossendale. Eastwood H v Maine Road; Flixton v Newcastle Town; Mossley v Trafford; Salford v Prescot.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: First round replay: Rossington Main v Worsbrough Bridge. Second round: Armthorpe Welfare v Hatfield Main, Arnold v Belper Town; Liversedge v Hallam, North Ferriby v Selby; Ossett Town v Harrogate Rb; Parkgate v Borrowash Vic, Pickering v Garforth. Pontefract Collieries v Thackley; Tadcaster v Goole, Yorkshire Amateurs v Ossett Albion

WINSTONLEAD KENT: First division: Chatham v Beckenham, Corinthian v Cray Wanderers; Herne Bay v Deal, Hythe v Canterbury; Ramsgate v Whitstable, Sheppey v Folkestone. Slade Green v Tunbridge Wells.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-15 international: Luxembourg v Wales (3.30). Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Hertfordshire v Norfolk (Watford, 1.0). Middlesex v Surrey (Greenford, 2.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax Emerging Nations World Cup Final
Cook Islands v Ireland
(at Bury FC, 7.30)

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Ebbw Vale v Mountain Ash (7.0)
Maesteg v Kenfig Hill (7.15)
Oxford Univ v Wasps (7.15)
Tredegar v Cross Keys (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Third round, first leg: Sheffield v Ostend (8.0).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)



Spartak make capital out of triumph



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

At times, the irresistible attraction of sport is its ability to provide triumph for the underdog, and to make champions of a people in defiance of their political and military repressers. On Saturday, Spartak Vladikavkaz won the Russian league. They are the team that produced fine football before going out of the Uefa Cup against Liverpool last month, but then, as now, their real priority was to become the first club from North Ossetia to win the crown of Russian football.

Moreover, it was important to Vladikavkaz to tie up the title in Moscow. They did it by beating CSKA Moscow, the former army club, 2-1 in the old stadium of Dynamo, a haunt of the KGB.

The victory resounded around southern Russia, where Vladikavkaz are within earshot of the deadly fighting in Chechenia and are neighbours of the overrun Armenia and Azerbaijan. Players from all of those regions, as well as Russians, are represented in the side coached by Valeri Gassayev. And so he, while careful with the political overtones, spoke for the region as a whole when he said in Moscow: "I told my players that, though we had a home game to spare, we had to become champions here. This stadium has seen great football, great players [including Lev Yashin]. Soccer, however, is not just a sport. It has major social and political significance to us."

Enough said on the political front. My colleague, Russell Kempson, who journeyed on Aeroflot into Vladikavkaz with Liverpool, found these people welcoming, desperate to hide their poverty and their troubles, but keen nevertheless to point out that their club had little help in finance or organisation from the capital. Imagine, then, how proud they must be to fill their stadium with almost 30,000 people every home game, from a population of 400,000, and how much they look forward to opening a US $4.5 million (about £2.8 million) stadium fit for the European Cup next season.

The victory party, that was said to last 24 hours, was ignited by the goals from Sergei Derkach, with a low left-footer just before half-time, and Bakhva Tedeyev 11 minutes into the second half.

There then had to be much resistance. CSKA scored once, but after that everything they could throw at Zaur Khapov was repelled by a goalkeeper inspired.

He knows his history. He is aware that in 75 years of first the Soviet and then the Russian league, no club as small or as peripheral as his has won the championship. Indeed, only four teams from outside Moscow — Dynamo Kiev and Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk, from the Ukraine, Dynamo Tbilisi, from Georgia, and Ararat Yerevan, from Armenia — have disrupted the Moscovite omnipotence.

And yet, in the moment of glory, Elaine Monaghan, a correspondent from Reuters, the international news agency, found Khapov, on his 31st birthday the old man of the side, had a purely sporting priority on his mind. "I was ashamed when we lost to Liverpool," he said. "I was particularly upset when I was beaten from 30 metres. I've recovered psychologically, but I will never forget the name of [Jamie] Redknapp as long as I live."

May that be long. And may Redknapp, who scored again against Southampton on Sunday, feel blessed. From the north of England to the south of Russia, this is a young Englishman who has achieved what most people compete a lifetime for. He is famous across the world.

Another Englishman courting the fickle flame of international fortune is Roy Hodgson, the coach of Switzerland and now also the coach of Internazionale. The Swiss team he brings to Wembley for a match against England next month has already qualified for the 1996 European championship, and Hodgson has been dubbed "the greatest sporting figure in Swiss history". Whether he will enjoy accolades or brickbats as he attempts to turn Inter into a winning side will depend on how much time and patience the Italians provide.

On Sunday, his first match in charge, he changed the style and personnel of the team. The result? A 0-0 draw with Lazio. But, as Inter prepare for the Milan derby on Sunday, the one person Hodgson must please is the new club owner, Massimo Moratti. He said: "I saw today an aggressive, concentrated Inter. If you think that this has been achieved in less than a week, I'd almost be tempted to call it prodigious." Almost prodigious, then.

Experienced Evans stops fiery Colts in their tracks

BY STUART JONES

AT THE age of 40, the declining instincts and flexibility of a quarterback might be considered too dangerous a liability — for his own wellbeing as much as for the team he is supposed to be leading. Not so, evidently, for Vince Evans, the oldest player in the National Football League (NFL).

American football has been dismissed by critics as organised violence — and occasionally an excess of it. They might have had in mind the Indianapolis Colts, who have recently developed a fearsome reputation for using the opposing quarterback as a specific, albeit legitimate, target.

They had put the last two, the best in the NFL, temporarily out of the game. Dan Marino, of the Miami Dolphins, had to have surgery on his right knee and Steve Young, of the San Francisco 49ers, had to rest a severely bruised shoulder and the remainder of his battered body.

The next in line last weekend should have been Jeff Hostetler, of the Oakland Raiders, but he was already injured. Evans, the elderly understudy, was called up instead, and he emerged not only unscathed but also surpassed all but one of his previous feats.

He threw for 335 yards, his second highest total during a career which has lasted for 16 years, and led the Raiders to a 30-17 victory over the Colts. That achievement had been beyond both Marino and Young, whose teams responded contrastingly to the absence of the leader of the cast.

Marino is authoritative enough regularly to call "audibles", to change arranged plays when he sees the opposing line-up. The Dolphins were leading 24-3 when he was felled a fortnight ago. Although he resumed, they yielded their advantage and have since lost both of their games without him.

Under his less commanding replacement, Bernie Kosar, they conceded possession three times in the closing six minutes, when Marino is usually at his most productive, and were beaten 17-16 by the New York Jets. In the corresponding fixture on the opening day of the season, the Dolphins had won 52-14.

The 49ers are nothing like as dependent on one individual. Indeed, they brought in a quarterback who had never started a game in the NFL before, and were still able to overwhelm opponents who had previously suffered only one defeat, beating the St Louis Cardinals 44-10.

Elvis Brbac stepped in for Young and watched his defence act as an effective form of attack. Ken Norton, the son of the former world heavyweight boxing champion, was credited with two of the team's four interceptions and he returned both for touchdowns.

During a snowstorm so severe that the markings of the pitch in Denver were obliterated, Marcus Allen became the fourth player in NFL history to rush for 100 touchdowns. He reached the landmark with a one-yard run to complete the 21-7 victory of the Kansas City Chiefs.

DETAILS

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL) Carolina 20 New Orleans 3, Chicago 35 Houston 32, Jacksonville 23 Cleveland 16, NY Jets 17 Miami 16, San Francisco 44 St Louis 10, Atlanta 24 Tampa Bay 21, Washington 36 Detroit 30 (OT), Kansas City 21 Denver 7, Tampa Bay 38 Minnesota 21, Oakland 36 Indianapolis 17, San Diego 35 Seattle 25

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	1	136	95
Indianapolis	4	3	145	157
Miami	4	3	131	127
NY Jets	2	6	120	220
New England	1	5	69	162
Central division				
Cincinnati	3	4	163	154
Cleveland	3	4	139	130
Pittsburgh	3	4	147	167
Jacksonville	3	5	131	162
Houston	1	5	137	154
West division				
Kansas City	7	1	199	128
Oakland	5	2	213	123
Denver	4	4	168	157
San Diego	4	4	143	162
Seattle	2	5	131	175

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	6	1	203	118
Philadelphia	4	3	144	173
Washington	3	5	189	193
Arizona	3	5	114	180
NY Giants	2	5	115	156
Central division				
Chicago	5	2	194	167
Green Bay	5	3	171	137
Tampa Bay	5	3	127	129
Minnesota	3	4	156	163
Detroit	1	5	163	173
West division				
Atlanta	5	2	146	147
San Francisco	5	2	198	96
St Louis	5	2	138	149
Carolina	3	5	125	154
New Orleans	1	6	134	178

* Does not include game played last night

Shepherd steers winning course

BY MEL WEBB

IN NONE of the first nine events in the regional finals series of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge did all four players in the winning team play to, or better than, their handicaps.

Finally, yesterday, in the tenth and last final, the north-east Home Counties, it happened; and in the midst of a fine team performance was the outstanding play of Alan Shepherd, a 12-handicapper at Nazeing, the same club as two of his team-mates, Paul Simcox and Mick O'Brien.

Shepherd played like a veteran single-figure man all day. His was the performance that anchored Drakes Group PLC, a Hackney-based firm of specialists in traffic operations, to a winning 94 Stableford points, three in front of RAF Honington, one of last year's national finalists, and six ahead of Whitbread PLC.

Shepherd carried his team to next month's final in La Manga through a sticky patch at the start of their round on a splendidly manicured Hanbury Manor course that provided, by common consent, the best greens of all the ten regional final venues — no small accolade in a series that has provided consistently good playing conditions for the 1,000-plus players who have appeared.

The Hanbury greens were amazingly fast for the time of the year, but were never less than perfectly true. Nobody could claim on this day that the course was to blame for a poor score.

In spite of Shepherd's accuracy off the tee and rapid acclimatisation to the speed of the putting surfaces, Drakes did not make a good start. They picked up three points on the 1st hole, only two on the 2nd and four on the 3rd: not on the face of it, the stuff of a winning performance.

Another four followed on the 4th but they broke out of low-scoring mode with five points on the 5th. It was the hole that set them on their way, and they completed the front nine with two sixes and two sevens.

The high spots of that run were birdies on both the 8th and 9th by, inevitably, the smooth-striking Shepherd. Four points on each hole for his net eagles were supported by net birdies by O'Brien on the 8th and Simcox on the 9th.

"We knew Alan was playing exceptionally well, and we felt that the rest of us were coming on to our games as well," John Meager, the fourth member of the team, said. "We thought that we would have to improve a bit on the back nine to have a chance, but I felt confident that we could do that."

Meager was right. The outward nine had yielded a comparatively modest 44 points but coming home there were five sixes, a couple of fours and what turned out to be a vitally important eight on the 486-yard, par-five 17th.

This was ultimately the hole that won the competition for them. For once, Shepherd missed the fairway from the tee but he hit a career-best three-iron over trees to leave himself with a short chip which he hit to three feet. The putt duly went down for a net eagle three and four points.

O'Brien, not to be outshone, struck two three-woods and a sweet chip to six feet and rolled home that putt as well for four points. Eight points, the best score of the day; they were home and hosed.

RESULTS: 94: Drakes Group LC. 91: RAF Honington. 88: Whitbread PLC. 87: Tradition (UK) Limited. 86: Polycell Products Ltd. 84: Tullet and Tokyo Forex International, Lincoln National. 82: Coopers Joyce. 81: CMG Computer Management Group (UK) Ltd. 80: Bacon and Woodrow; Wills Corroon; Vista Computer Services Ltd; RSBS Group. 79: Golf Monthly; Castons. 78: Rowe and Maw; Powertesting Ltd; Banque Paribas. 77: Port of Felixstowe, Casson Beckman, Venner Shipley. 75: International Petroleum Exchange. 74: W.J. Meade Estate Agents. 73: Rondized Metals. 72: Capital Fireplaces. 71: TGA Building Consultancy.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

John Evans, of International Petroleum Exchange, was blocked out on the 10th



WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

APROSEXIA
(b) Inability to concentrate, an affliction that comes over the best of us towards the end of the afternoon, and quite an impressive term to put on your ploy for avoiding a job from the News Desk. "That is a lovely idea for a Sunday-for-Monday, piece, James. In other circumstances I would come in on my day off to do it. But, alas, my aprosexia makes it impossible. Too bad."

QUACKSALVER
(a) An ignorant pretender to medical skills, a doctor or surgeon, because he quacked or chattered boastfully about his salves or healing ointments or medicines, in order to amputate their money from the gullible in the street market. The same process is carried on more discreetly and more expensively in Harley Street today. "Come in, doctor. I will go ahead of you and clear the way for the quacksalver."

DAPATICAL
(c) Sumptuous, as of a feast or binge, from the Latin *dapes* a Roman blow-out encouraging one to make use of the *vomitorium*. "I hope that you will be patient with me tonight, Mary Ann. I find that since I got underway with my low-cholesterol, high-roughage diet, I cannot enjoy a meal unless it is thoroughly dapatical."

LUPANARIAN
(c) Having to do with brothels, pertaining to mercenary fornication, from the Latin. "I am sorry, Vicar, but Tim feels that he is a little old for the Boy's Brigade or the Welsh Church Army. But, if it is any consolation, he is thinking of becoming a lupanarian."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bc3! leaves Black without a defence. e.g. 1 ... g6 2 Qf3+; 1 ... Rhg8 2 Qf5+ or 1 ... Qh6 2 Qf3+.

Knee injury ends Clement's season

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TONY CLEMENT, the Swansea full back capped 34 times by Wales, will not play again this season. Clement, who was left out of the most recent national training squad from which the team to play Fiji next month will be named today, has had an operation on lateral and cruciate ligaments damaged playing against Newport. He will not be able to train again until next summer.

It is a cruel blow for Swansea, who enter the inaugural European club tournament next week when they play Munster in Limerick. Stuart Davies, the back-row forward also left out of the Wales squad, is likely to take over the captaincy of Swansea, who will hope that Robert Jones, the experienced scrum half, recovers from injuries sustained in the game against Cardiff last month.

Jones has been linked in recent weeks with a possible move to Newcastle, whose latest acquisition, on a short-term registration, is John Dixon, the former West Hartlepool lock. Newcastle, now bottom of the Courage Clubs Championship second division, also expect to confirm this week that Dewi Morris will make himself available. The former Orrell scrum half announced his retirement after the World Cup in June.

While Newcastle have become the bogeymen of English rugby in the new professional era, an MP is to conduct his own referendum on the International Rugby Football Board's move to an open game. Michael Lord, the Conservative member for Suffolk Central and a Cambridge Blue in 1960, is to contact every club affiliated to the Rugby Football Union to establish the degree of support for professionalism.

Becker prepared for tough tournament

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALEXANDER VOLKOV, of Russia, and Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden, yesterday moved into the second round of the Eurocard Open in Essen, Germany, a tournament that has attracted all but two of the world's leading 20 players.

The top four — Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Thomas Muster and Boris Becker — had first-round byes. Becker's first match will be against Gustafsson, who put out Aaron Krickstein, of the United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Becker said he had no illusions about the size of his task against the best field ever assembled in Germany. "It's going to be a big challenge," he said. "I know I can't afford a bad day here."

Volkov beat Alberto Berasategui, of Spain, 7-5, 6-2, and will now take on his compatriot Yevgeni Kafelnikov, the seventh seed.

Nicolas Kiefer, 18, the Australian and American junior champion, making his first appearance in the main draw of a grand prix tournament, used his big service to take the first set 6-3 against Malivai Washington. However, he made too many errors thereafter and Washington took the next two sets 6-0, 6-4.

Kiefer, dressed Agassi-style in baggy shorts and colourful striped shirt, made no secret of his admiration for the world No 1. "It's just dream-like, the way he plays, so unbelievably hard and fast," he said.

Agassi's first match will be against Jacco Eltingh, of Holland, who yesterday eliminated Bernd Karbacher, of Germany, 6-2, 6-4. Sampras, beaten in the final of the Lyon tournament by Wayne Ferreira on Sunday, starts his challenge tomorrow, as does Michael Chang, recent winner of the Beijing tournament.

Broadcasting

Heartache by torchlight

Something the Angels Done Planned. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Launching his history of the torch song and its most famous exponents, George Melly defines it in words that make its particular quality clear even to somebody who has never heard of the genre. The torch, he says, is the *flambeau* that glows all the brighter through the *mental or physical* cruelty of an uncaring lover. If that isn't sufficiently succinct for you, how about this alternative Mellyism for the traumas that romantic entanglements can cause: "Torch song is heartache set to music." Nowhere is this heard to better effect than in Judy Garland's emotional rendering of *The Man That Got Away* from *A Star is Born*. By a couple of hot tears, it just manages to beat Maureen McGovern's *The Man I Love*.

Salmon and Silicon Glen. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

With the salmon-and-trout-filled Tweed gurgling away in the background, who would dare argue with Andrew Jeffrey when he says that the quality of life in the Kelso region of the Borders is unsurpassed? He has a word of warning for motorists: "You can often lose the (beauty of the) Borders by putting your foot on the accelerator too much." None of the Kelsonians interviewed by Jeffrey could be accused of abusing the throttle. There is the ghillie who coolly reveals that a week's fishing in the Tweed could cost £8,000, and the electronics executive who modestly observes that Kelso is the epicentre of the Earth.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Clive Warren, incl at 4.40 *Judge Dredd*; 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat; 6.15 The Net 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Cling Film 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes 8.30 A Spanish Lover, by Joanna Trollope (1/5) 9.00 Something the Angels Done Planned: See Choice 10.00 Marc Bleke's Whining for England 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Charles Nove 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview; 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 News; Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck, incl at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl 7.20 Sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: English and Scottish Coca-Cola Cups 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Ware 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 7.00 News 7.15 *News From Nowhere* (2/5) 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 Just a Taste 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 *News in German* 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Sport 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf: *News From Nowhere* (2/5) 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Stones in Verse 12.00 News 12.01 United Nations Service 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack Hit List 3.00 News in German 3.15 On Screen 3.30 Omnibus 4.00 World News 4.15 The World Today 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 News in German 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Faith 7.30 Megamix 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sport 11.00 World News 11.10am Encore 11.15 Anything Goes 11.45 Country Style Midnight Newsdesk 12.30 A Week on the Web 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 News 1.10 Press Review 1.15 On Screen 1.30 The Musician's Musician 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Andy Kershaw 3.00 World News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Richard Astbury 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Soriata 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather 6.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Arthur Benjamin (Cotillon; Suite of English Dances); Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, Death and the Maiden); Telemann (Concerto for recorder, flute and strings in E minor); 7.47 Godowsky (Concert Paraphrase on *Die Fledermaus*); 8.20 *Purcell Portfolio*: a selection of songs; 8.32 Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini: Holst (A Fugal Overture); 9.06 *Haydn Piano Sonatas*: Sonata in C (Andras Schiff); 9.23 Holst (A Fugal Concerto); Ravel (Piano Trio)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 3); 10.10 Maurice Bourgue, oboe, plays Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in D); Cipriani Potter (Symphony in F); Mozart (Rondo in A); 11.25 Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Berlioz (Royal Hunt and Storm, The Trojans)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Berio

1.00pm The Land Where the Good Songs Go: The later works of Richard Rodgers

2.00 Fairest Isle: Medieval Music Festival in Bristol. John Potter, tenor, Richard Wistreich, bass, perform a Lady Mass in the second of three concerts from St George's, Brandon Hill

3.00 Fairest Isle: Carnegie Publication Scheme: Last in the series. Music submitted in competitions, including works by Ina Boyle, Richard Morris

5.00 The Music Machine: Karlheinz Stockhausen

5.15 In Tune, including Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini); 6.03 Fauré (Nocturne No 4 in E flat, Op 36); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat)

7.30 United Nations Founders' Day Concert: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka performs Grace Williams (Penillion); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 in D minor)

9.05 In Translation: *The Book of Nights* by Sylvie Germain. Deborah Findlay reads an extract

9.30 Shostakovich: Sonata, Op 40 (Mischa Maisky, cello, Martha Argerich, piano) (r)

10.00 Between the Ears: Facing the Radio. Mark Russell adds his commentary to a live, interactive musical experiment which combines the creative forces of listeners using the Internet and the touch-tone pads on their telephones, with sampling, editing and sound space processing. To take part, send your sound/MIDI files to E-Mail: facing.the.radio@bbc.co.uk; FTP: ftp.bbc.co.uk (login: ftr, password: radio 3); or ring 0171-580 444 from 10am

10.45 Night Waves: Includes a review of Katie Mitchell's RSC production of *Venetian Women*

11.30-12.30am Music Restored: A series of Invitation Concerts from the Royal College of Music in London. The Purcell Quartet; Catherine Bott, soprano; Music by Purcell, Eccles, Blow and Weldon

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.55 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444 from 9am

10.00-10.30 Salmon and Silicon Glen (FM only). See Choice

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: The Reluctant Vampire (LW only), by Eric Morecambe. Read by Tony Robinson (2/5)

10.30 Women's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Anuradha Kapur about her production of *Cyrano* at the National Theatre. Short Story: *Charity*

11.30 All in the Mind: Psychiatry, psychology and the British criminal justice system

12.00pm News: You and Yours

12.25 Word of Mouth: Fat, Cripple and Git Minging. The secret language of public schools and the playground. Last in the series 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company: Keats and the Publishing of Classics (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with Richard Baker: The trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews a new biography of Ian Fleming and a touring production of Britten's opera *Owen Wingrave*

4.45 Short Story: Politicised Princesses. Retellings of *Rapunzel* and *The Frog Prince* by James Finn Garner. Read by Natasha Pyne (r)

5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 No Commitments: Comedy series by Simon Brett. With Rosemary Leach (4/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4: Roisin McAuley on bloodsports

8.00 Science Now, with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 The Network: Alun Lewis processes information about information. Last in the series

9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap. Presented by Peter White

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Letters and Diaries of C. Jeames de la Pluche, Esquire, by William Thackeray. Read by Andy Hamilton (2/5)

11.00 Medicinerare. (r)

11.30 A View from Abroad (FM only): The Greek travel writer Katia Antonopoulou-Wilson returns to London after 27 years (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

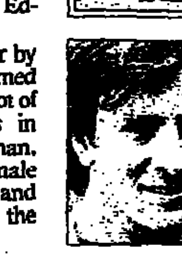
12.00am News, incl 12.27 Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood, read by Buffy Davis (2/10) 12.45 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Hoey, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

Being a teenager's not much fun in Chester

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

My colleague Nigella Lawson has a theory that nowadays we remain in a state of extended adolescence until at least our mid-thirties and that even then it takes something pretty cataclysmic such as childbirth or total hair loss to bring the party to a final close.

Certainly her theory explains why I enjoyed *Grange Hill* until I finally got a job that threatened to banish teatime television for ever, why I still enjoy the odd episode of *Byker Grove* now that I have a job that doesn't and why I only have to hear the thunderous opening chords of the theme to *Beverly Hills 90210* to be instantly transformed into the Californian surf-bum I never was. Pitiful really.

And it also explains why I was looking forward to **Hollyoaks** (Channel 4), the new teenage drama devised and initially written by Phil Redmond, the creator of *Grange Hill* and, of course, *Brookside*. Then something pretty cataclysmic happened — *I didn't enjoy it*.

Set in Chester, *Hollyoaks* will concern itself with the lives and loves of what I am reliably informed are seven main characters. In last night's opening episode, however, it was difficult to keep count, partly because nobody said anything for the first six minutes (lots of bouncy music while various storylines struggled to establish themselves) and partly because I missed a quick costume change and counted Natasha (Shebah Ronay) twice. It was an easy mistake to make — good-looking twins are, after all, more or less a staple of teenage soaps.

But if most of the characters finished the episode with about as much personality as they began it, the same could not be said of poor Kurt (Jeremy Edwards), who appeared to have several. If this was *90210*, Kurt was Brandon and Dylan rolled into one, good guy and bad guy in one unhappy but hunky body. Small wonder Edwards looked confused.

His task was made no easier by Redmond's script, which seemed to have lumbered him with a lot of lines with too many words in them. "Madelaine is not a woman, she's a sex object — but that's male bonding stuff between you and me" does not exactly trip off the adolescent tongue.

Opening episodes are notoriously difficult to write and given the debt *Hollyoaks* undoubtedly owes to its Californian cousin it might have been sensible for Channel 4 to allow Redmond to adopt the American habit of making the first episode double length. But it did not. Redmond's track record suggests it should be worth sticking with Kurt and the gang, but I have a nasty feeling that even my extended adolescence may not stretch that far.

There were *more* curious personalities on display in the fascinating **Cutting Edge: Deception** (Channel 4) which examined Münchausen's syndrome, a condition which causes sufferers to invent illnesses to gain admission *into hospital. The curious personalities will have been rather too on* display for some tastes, serving as yet another reminder that one of the lesser known drawbacks to Care in the Community is cameras in the community.

Sufferers from Münchausen's may be articulate, intelligent and medically well read, but they are still mentally ill. So whether the camera should have lingered for quite so long on the unhappy Nina and on Simon, the serial fantasist, is debatable, especially as the condition appears to be a cry for attention. *As Nina happily admitted*, her extensive library of medical programmes included several *Cutting Edge* documentaries, so *the chance of starring in one must* have been too good to miss.

"Starring", explained a psychiatrist, is very much the operative word when it comes to Münchausen's syndrome. "They don't see hospital as a life-threatening place as normal people do, they see it as theatre with them as the principal actor." Nina, who dreams of a broken back and *24-hour after-care, made this craving* for attention painfully clear in a final scene which saw her tearfully contemplating another Christmas alone as she stood on the roof of the Blackpool car park that she had repeatedly threatened to throw herself off. She paused and pulled herself together. "*I'd like you to get* that bit in if you could."

For those suffering from Austen disorder, *the main symptom* of which is a strange compulsion to stay rooted to the sofa on a Sunday night, **Omnibus: Presumption** (BBC1) will have been a welcome extra treat. Randall Wright's lovingly assembled film not only provided an accessible biography of the author, it was generous with those all-important little gems of Austen minutiae.

The *pump she never used* ("she'd have had servants"), the names she borrowed from her neighbours, *her habit of rising early to practise the piano*, were dispensed with utmost authority by a devoted and enthusiastic band of largely female followers. *Men were reduced to mysterious* acts of manual labour, such as ringing the tenor bell at Winchester Cathedral: "They probably wouldn't *have rung it for Jane* Austen's death — she was relatively unknown as a writer and, of course, didn't hold office in the cathedral in any way."

Apart from Elizabeth Jenkins's glorious rejection of the suggestion that Austen was an incestuous lesbian ("if you'd like to set up a separate interview..."), it was left to P.D. James to court mild controversy *through her admission that* the basic plot of all Austen's novels was the same — a woman looking for and finding the right mate. *"They all end in marriage."* So, come Sunday, remember, it wasn't me who gave it away.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (25298)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86677927)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (1577796)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5872144) **10.05 Housemates** (s) (1622250)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (1763873)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4178347)
12.05pm Pebble Mill (s) (7480279)
12.50 Regional news and weather (14219291)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (73786)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91692705)
1.50 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (1057786) **2.40 Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes** (s) (7613144) **3.05 The Great British Quiz** (s) (8286250)
3.30 Funnybones (r) (s) (1513724) **3.35 Blinky Bill** (6381298) **4.00 Oscar's Orchestra** (s) (8147927) **4.25 Animal Hospital** (s) (9395347) **4.35 Fan TC** (Ceefax) (s) (2255182)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9414502)
5.10 Byker Grove (Ceefax) (2706057)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (924724)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (279)
6.30 Regional news magazines (231)
7.00 Island Race. Plymouth to Falmouth. John McCarthy and Sandi Toksvig have a week left to sail along the South Coast to Falmouth to complete their circumnavigation of Britain. (Ceefax) (s) (6182)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (415)

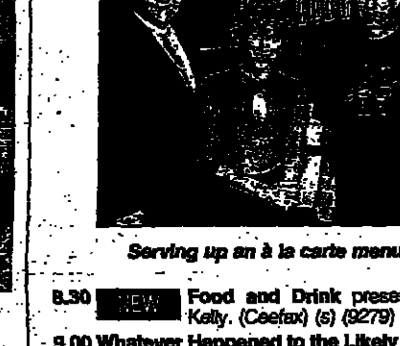


Paul Gross and David Marciano (8.00pm)

8.00 Due South. Comedy-drama police series, set in Chicago and featuring a displaced Canadian Mountie as the hero. With Paul Gross, David Marciano. (Ceefax) (s) (231144)
8.50 How to Be a Little S*d. Comedy about babies and inexperienced parents. (Ceefax) (s) (379231)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2347)
9.30 Tomorrow's World Special. Test Tube Bodies. Vivienne Parry reports on the new world of human organs. (Ceefax) (s) (29328) **Wales:** Week In Week Out (29328) 10.00 Tomorrow's World Special (91057) 10.30 Film: Mad Max 2 (86438095) 12.05am Film: Catholic Boys (121835) 1.45-2.45 Snooker — Grand Prix (431516)
10.00 FILM: Mad Max 2 (1981) starring Mel Gibson. In the aftermath of the Third World War petrol has become the world's most treasured possession. Max, a lonely and embittered warrior, agrees to help an oil-producing community in a hostile world. Directed by George Miller. (Ceefax) (732521)
11.35 FILM: Catholic Boys (1985) with Donald Sutherland, John Heard, Andrew McCarthy, Kevin Dillon, Mary Stuart Masterson. An amusing evocation of Catholic high-school life in Brooklyn in the mid-1960s. Directed by Michael Dinner (Ceefax) (396499)
1.15am Snooker — Grand Prix. David Vine presents highlights of the Skoda Grand Prix from Sunderland as the quarter-final line up is decided (s) (987425)
2.15 Weather (5591293)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season: Wall to Wall (42453) **6.30** Heavenly Bodies (52705)
7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (5160881) **7.15 Lassie** (r) (9845637) **7.40 Pirates of Dark Water** (r). (Ceefax) (9955328) **8.05 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (1619255)
8.35 The Record (s) (6601434)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1617328)
2.00pm The Family Ness (r) (97078163) **2.05 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (97077434)
2.10 Snooker. The Skoda Grand Prix (s) (2837415)
3.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (8959279)
3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (8128892)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (144)
4.30 Snooker from Sunderland (98255)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (r) (s) (457618)
6.25 Heartbreak High. (Ceefax) (s) (684637)
7.10 Dear Dilemma. (Ceefax) (s) (795106)
7.30 NEW **From the Edge.** Topical magazine from a disabled person's viewpoint. (Ceefax) (s) (647)
8.00 Sound Stories: Escape from Planet Earth. Thirty opera enthusiasts from Britain attend the Verona Opera Festival. Last in the series (s) (5124)



Serving up an à la carte menu (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **Food and Drink** presented by Chris Kelly. (Ceefax) (s) (9279)
9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Classic comedy from 1973 (r). (Ceefax) (8219)
9.30 NEW **Nice Work: Thank You and Goodbye.** (Ceefax) (s) (786811)
10.10 NEW **Tools of the Trade.** The desk is the first subject in a lighthearted four-part series exploring work. (Ceefax) (s) (879182)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (873958)
11.15 CHOICE **In the Shadow of the Gun** (s) (948144)
11.55 Weather (397786)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sarah Baxter. Political chat show (s) (34816)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone: Open University — Modelling in the Motor Industry (15293) **1.00** A Level Playing Field? (22106) **1.30** Rover's Return: Modern Car Management (41729) **2.00 Nightschool TV:** Sex Education and Landmarks — People on the Move (51380) **4.00 BBC Focus:** NCET TV — Teaching and Learning with IT (95187) **4.30** Read and Write Together (43699) **5.00** Italia 2000 (90019) **5.30** Film Education (35545)

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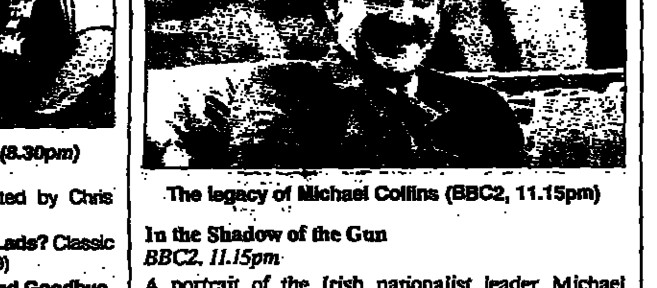
CHOICE

Network First: Fear and Counting in Las Vegas
ITV, 10.40pm (Scottish, 11.15pm)

Dominic O'Brien is world memory champion and has an entry in *The Guinness Book of Records* to prove it. His speciality is memorising the running order of *packs of cards, a handy accomplishment when it* comes to playing blackjack and one which has made him a lot of money. "Card counting" is not illegal but *the casinos are less than happy. Having been virtually* banned in Britain, O'Brien tries his luck in the United States. Paul O'Dell's diverting film follows his *progress as he plays a series of warm-ups before* tackling the ultimate gambling venue, Las Vegas. He wins some, loses some but usually ends up in the black *while keeping one step ahead of casino security men* who would love to run him out of town.

Nice Work: Thank You and Goodbye
BBC2, 9.30pm

A four-part series about the world of work opens by looking at an experience that has affected five million Britons since 1990: getting the sack. The theme running through the film is the brutality with which loyal, hard-working people can be dismissed. One company invited 34 employees to a full English breakfast and told them to leave that day. Not surprisingly, the bacon and eggs remained largely uneaten. College lecturers describe how their redundancy notices were delivered to their homes by motorcyclists dressed in sinister black leather. Intercut with the tales of the victims is a seminar at which managers are trained on how to conduct what is euphemistically called the separation interview.



The legacy of Michael Collins (BBC2, 11.15pm)

In the Shadow of the Gun
BBC2, 11.15pm

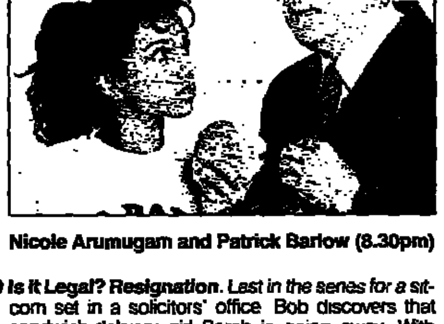
A portrait of the Irish nationalist leader Michael Collins is offered for the parallels it suggests between Collins and Gerry Adams. Collins was a glamorous Che Guevara figure who took part in the Easter Rising of 1916 and later organised death squads against British troops. As his nephew, also Michael, says: "He met terror with terror." *But when a truce was called*, Collins reinvented himself as a responsible politician prepared to negotiate independence with the British. *With the current ceasefire, talk of compromise is again* in the air. Gerry Adams will not want to press the analogy too far. When the 1922 treaty was signed, *hardline republicans accused Collins of selling out and* on a lonely road they shot him dead.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Two punchy films mark the return of Channel 4's arts and culture strand. The subject of the first is the history and appeal of off-road vehicles. They started with the Jeep during the Second World War and Land Rover just after it. Then the Japanese moved in with their versions, though as the film makes clear, the basic formula of boxy shape, chunky tyres and high ground clearance has hardly changed. The irony is that vehicles designed for muddy fields now rarely leave the road, except to stop at supermarket car parks. The other piece is a diatribe against natural history programmes, so often acclaimed as the jewel of television, for being staged, sexist and unhealthily obsessed with violence. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7818095)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Quiz (s) (5182521)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1627705)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9550786)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine show (39969163)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4167231)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9528786)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9536705)
1.25 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (22333057)
1.55 A Country Practice (s) (91680960)
2.20 Vanessa: Money-Grabbing Women (Teletext) (s) (44691347) **2.50 Capital Woman** (s) (8565989)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (3503809)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8458750)
3.30 Giggilsh Allsorts (s) (4704095) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1595328) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (s) (4708811) **4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat** (9300279) **4.15 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** (1554989)
4.40 The Ward (Teletext) (s) (6424182)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1653453)
5.40 ITN Evening News (Teletext) and weather (265818)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (180434)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (347)
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (927)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1250)
7.30 Inside Crime. John Stalker and Fiona Oates return to the Stockwell Park estate in south London, where residents decided to try to tackle the crime problems themselves (811)
8.00 The Bill: Strictly Personal. Beech is put under pressure when an old friend is implicated in a murder. With Billy Murray. (Teletext) (7298)

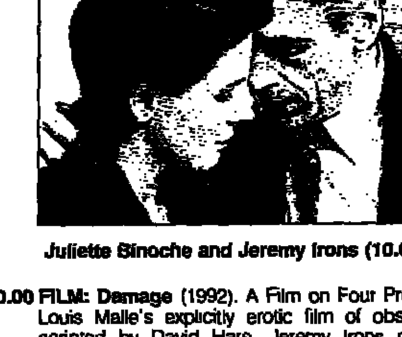


Nicole Arumugam and Patrick Barlow (8.30pm)

8.30 Is It Legal? Resignation. Last in the series for a sitcom set in a solicitors' office. Bob discovers that sandwich-delivery girl Sarah is going away. With Imelda Staunton and Richard Lumsden (s) (6705)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier: The Army Game. Drama series about British Army life. (Teletext) (s) (6279)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (19453)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (758453)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Fear and Counting in Las Vegas.** (Teletext) (s) (736076)
11.40 Carlton Sport. Arsenal face a tough away tie against Division One high-flyers Barnsley and Watford take on unsettled Premiership champions Blackburn Rovers in the third round of the Coca-Cola cup. Highlights from tonight's matches (682786)
12.45am War and Remembrance (r) (478380)
2.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (7026748)
3.05 The Beat (s) (2766632)
4.00 America's Top Ten (s) (90771380)
4.25 On the Live Side (s) (44122583)
4.35 Videofashion: Just Fur You (24646361)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (87545)
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00** (62699)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6460182)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (96637)
9.00 Biker Mice from Mars (5187076)
9.25 Mork and Mindy (r) (5180163)
9.55 Saved by the Bell: The New Class. Belding could lose his job (r) (9612989)
10.20 The Legend of White Fang (r) (1639540)
10.50 The Pink Panther Show (s) (3179434)
11.15 Little Shop (r) (5127811) **11.35 Dennis** (3212231)
12.00 House to House. Sheena McDonald reports on events in Westminster (16366)
12.30pm Sesame Street. Early-learning series (85637)
1.30 Widget (r) (s) (47598328)
1.55 Pete Smith Specialities (b/w). Cuban Rhythm and Memory Tricks (26430298)
2.10 FILM: Penny Princess (1952, b/w). Comedy, starring Yolande Donlan as a New York shopgirl who inherits a European principality. With Dirk Bogarde. Directed by Val Guest (667786)
4.00 Think Tank (Teletext) (s) (540)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (724)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Violent teenage relationships (r). (Teletext) (s) (7770539)
5.50 Terrytoons. Donkey Otie (170057)
6.00 The Avengers: The Cybernauts. Cult series starring Patrick Macnee and Diana Rigg (r). (Teletext) (s) (33521)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (172637)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' opinions (642255)
8.00 Wild Britain: The Loners. Last of six programmes in the nature series. (Teletext) (8540)
8.30 Brookside. Mandy receives a surprising offer, adding to Sinbad's frustration. (Teletext) (s) (4347)
9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls — AutoErotic: Off Roaders** (5057) **9.30 J'Accuse: Natural History Programmes.** (Teletext) (s) (45366)



Juliette Binoche and Jeremy Irons (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Damage (1992). A Film on Four Premiere. Louis Malle's explicitly erotic film of obsession, scripted by David Hare. Jeremy Irons plays a married Tory MP who begins a dangerous affair with Anna (Juliette Binoche) who, coincidentally, is also involved with his son Martyn. With Miranda Richardson, Rupert Graves and Leslie Caron. (Teletext) (s) (18555724)
12.05am Nurses: Rude Awakenings. Dr Rishkin declares undying love for a recently awakened coma patient (r). (Teletext) (s) (8794361)
12.35 Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Sampdoria v Fiorentina in Serie A (2352941)
1.35 World Tennis. Thomas Muster plays Boris Becker and Michael Stich in Vienna, while Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras compete in Lyons (3958922)
2.05 The Sahara Project. Fifth episode of an eight-part German ecological drama series. Eva Bosch is blackmailed by left-wing extremists while, in Rome, Toni and Thomas Altenburg are using subterfuge to acquire development funds. Dubbed in English (9756106). Ends at **3.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **12.55** Emmerdale (9536705) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22333057) **2.50-3.20** Marquee (8565989) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1653453) **6.25** Anglia Weather (161434) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (927) **7.30-8.00** Heirloom (811) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (321453) **12.35am** Film: Full Exposure: The Sex Tapes Scandal (466670) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1137816) **3.15** The Beat (8113090) **4.05** The New Music (5324309)

CENTRAL
As London except: **2.50-3.20** Special Babies (8565989) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1653453) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (934144) **7.30-8.00** Belvoir Castle (811) **11.40** Hunter (320881) **12.40am** Night Shift (4862019) **4.25** Jobfinder (8295816) **5.20** Asian Eye (4997583)

GRANADA
As London except: **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (9536705) **1.25** Home and Away (81630521) **1.50** Vanessa (47509434) **2.20** Simply Delicious (44691347) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (8565989) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1653453) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (934144) **7.30-8.00** The Rock and Goal Years (811) **11.40** Time Trax (321453) **12.35am-12.45** Pop Profile (8117854) **4.25-5.00** Jobfinder (7741477)

HTV WEST
As London except: **12.55** Shortland Street (5793637) **1.20** The Lady Killers (22334786) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Calendar (8565989) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook (1653453) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (927) **7.30-8.00** Fair's Fair (811) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (682786) **4.25am** Jobfinder (7741477)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **2.50-3.20** The New Mr and Mrs Show (8565989) **5.10-5.40** Designed by Emanuel (1653453) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (927) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (811)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (1627705) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (4167231) **12.55** Emmerdale (9536705) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22333057) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8565989) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8458750) **5.10** Home and Away (1653453) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Making It Happen (100298) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (347) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (927) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right Las (811) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (755453) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (321453) **12.35am** Film: Full Exposure: The Sex Tapes Scandal (466670) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1137816) **3.15** The Beat (8113090) **4.05** The New Music (5324309) **5.00** Freescreen (87545)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Westcountry News (1627705) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (4183279) **12.25-12.30** My Story (4175250) **12.55** Emmerdale (9536705) **1.25** Home and Away (22333057) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (91680960) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8565989) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (8458750) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1653453) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (42279) **7.30-8.00** Little River Journeys (811) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (682786) **4.25am** Jobfinder (7741477)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (1627705) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (4167231) **12.55** Emmerdale (9536705) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22333057) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8565989) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (8458750) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1653453) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (385893) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (927) **7.30-8.00** Who Do You Do? (811) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (758453) **11.40** Around the House (711182) **12.10am** Your Match (9128106) **1.05** Film: Joe Kidd (356835) **2.40** Sport AM (4438818) **3.40** The Beat (3473486) **4.35** Jobfinder (7750125)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (96637) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (5187076) **9.25** Mork and Mindy: The Exeter Affair (5180163) **9.55** Saved by the Bell: The New Class (9612989) **10.20** The Legend of White Fang (1639540) **10.50** The Pink Panther Show (3179434) **11.15** Little Shop of Horrors (5127811) **11.35** Dennis (3212231) **12.00pm** House to House (16366) **12.30** Gumdrop (25502) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (89724) **1.30** Baby Its Your Word of Mouth (24873) **2.00** Hidden Hands: Theosoph And Modern Art (62182) **3.00** Snappers (7811) **3.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper: High Hopes (705) **4.00** Think Tank (540) **4.30** Saved by the Bell: The New Class (724) **5.00** 5 Pump. Uned 5 (6328) **5.30** Fifteen to One (796) **6.00** Newyddion (839298) **6.15** Heno (673521) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (741989) **7.25** Brodyr Bach (830863) **8.00** Gwyn A' I Fyd (8540) **8.30** Newyddion (14637) **9.30** Dim Tafod: Hanes Plaiabalem (45366) **10.00** Brookside (17095) **10.30** Cutting Edge: Deception (88927) **11.30** Film: Room at the Top (16487163)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat Show (57095) **8.30** Jeopardy (49618) **9.00** Court TV (63298) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (32618) **10.30** Blockbusters (52182) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (13328) **12.00** Spellbound (43434) **12.30pm** Designing Women (92298) **1.00** The Waltons (80453) **2.00** Geraldo (80502) **3.00** Court TV (4989) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (3126434) **4.20** Kids TV (6701521) **5.00** Star Trek (8569) **6.00** Power Rangers (6453) **6.30** Spellbound (7705) **7.00** LAPD (9298) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3989) **8.00** Nowhere Man (27908) **9.00** Chicago Hope (82124) **10.00** Star Trek (32601) **11.00** Law Order (27521) **12.00** Late Show (5392106) **12.45am** Glory Enough for All (7750293) **1.30** Anything but Love (96854) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (3910699)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3955569) **10.30** ABC Nightline (50724) **1.30pm** CBS News (82811) **2.30** Parliament Live (53095) **5.30** Topnight (5347) **8.30** Target (716304) **11.30** CBS News (78076) **12.30am** ABC News (12895) **1.30** Tonight (8500903) **2.10** Worldwide Report (7309670) **3.30** Parliament Replay (37545) **4.30** CBS News (92835) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (74629)

SKY MOVIES
6.05am Showcase (70068231) **10.00 Final Shot — The Hank Gathers Story** (1992): (63786) **12.00 Mr Nanny** (1993): **2.00pm Oh, Heavenly Dog!** (1980) (24811) **4.00 The Helicopter Spies** (1967) (3873) **6.00 Final Shot — The Hank Gathers Story** (1992): As 10am (11347) **8.00 Mr Nanny** (1993): As noon (16892) **10.00 Road Flower** (1993) (447142) **11.45 Jason Goes To Hell: The Final Friday** (159892) **1.15am Where The Day Takes You** (870090) **2.55 Torchlight** (1984) (1174941) **4.25-6.00 The Helicopter Spies** (1967). As 4pm

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 Mannon With the Gun (1955) (65892) **2.00pm King Kong** (1933) (97705) **4.00 The Big Sky** (1952) (5415) **6.00 Son Of Paleface** (1952) (17569) **8.00 Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment** (1985) (89786) **10.00 Cobra** (1986) (546057) **11.35 Beyond the Valley of the Dolls** (1970) (406347) **1.25-3.05 Poltergeist III** (1988) (941598)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's New York Adventure (1942) (46453) **8.00 Ghost Stories** (1987) (81499) **9.00 Thumbelina** (86057) **10.00 She Wore a Yellow Ribbon** (1949) (61328) **12.00 Seasons Of The Heart** (1994) (92347) **2.00pm A Place For Annie** (1993) (1987): As 8am (70502) **5.00 Thumbelina:** As 9am (1279) **6.00 Seasons Of The Heart** (1994): As noon (81366) **7.30 Special Feature: Crimson Tide:** With Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman (9927) **8.00 The Joy Luck Club** (1993) (58526347) **10.20 Army of Darkness** (1992) (389453) **12.00 Unfinished** (1991) (666583) **1.40am Barbarians At The Gate** (1993) (33545) **3.30-5.30 She Wore A Yellow Ribbon** (1949): As 10am (176816)

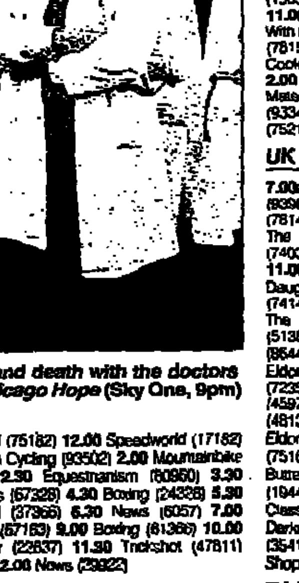
THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree (91783705) **6.30** Muppet Babies (13367298) **7.00** The New Adventures of Winnie The Pooh (59277057) **7.30** Ducktales (59289892) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (24551618) **8.30** Wonderland (24550889) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (24574569) **9.30** Welcome to Pooh Corner (91451873) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (13341250) **10.30** Donald's Quack Attack (24563453) **11.00** Walt Disney Presents (59298540) **12.00** Boy Meets World (24554705) **12.30pm** Thunder Alley (91462989) **1.00** Flipper (91450144) **2.00** Wonderland (65229705) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (23469637) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (65231540) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (23464182) **4.00** Donald's Quack Attack (23450989) **4.30** Ducktales (23449873) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (65210057) **5.30** Danger Bay (23463453) **6.00** Tarzan (23460366) **6.30** Dinosaurs (23451618) **7.00** People (UN Day Special) (21408540) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Johnny Shiloh (21495076)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (52231) **7.30** American Sports Cavalcade (26892) **8.30** Aerobics (90927) **9.00** Max Out (81279) **9.30** Windsurfing (63093) **10.00** Highlights of the final day at Dunhill (29927) **12.00** Aerobics (61415) **12.30pm** Football. The Season so Far. From Newcastle's dynamic start to Blackburn's slump (87057) **2.30** World of Speed and Beauty (8908) **3.00** BMX (3415) **3.30** Rebel TV (4453) **4.00** Watersports (14960) **5.00** Wrestling (7095) **6.00** Sports Centre (4827) **6.30** Quiz (1898) **7.00** Football Semi-final — Live (29932958) **10.15** Sports Centre (889076) **10.45** Shooting (737434) **11.45** Quiz (877231) **12.15** Scottish Coca-cola Cup Semi-final (148564) **2.15-2.45** Sports Centre (289187)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf (13860) **8.30** Swimming (81057) **10.00** Football (92618) **11.00** Football (75182) **12.00** Speedworld (17182) **1.00pm** Cycling (93502) **2.00** Mountainbike (8076) **2.30** Equestrianism (60950) **3.30** Athletics (67328) **4.30** Boxing (24328) **5.30** Football (37966) **6.30** News (6057) **7.00** Motors (67163) **9.00** Boxing (61366) **10.00** Snooker (22637) **11.30** Trickshot (47811) **12.00-12.00** News (29922)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4281705) **8.30** Peyton Place (4280076) **9.00** As the World Turns (6153182) **10.00** Guiding Light (2638502) **11.00-12.00** Another World (2659366)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (4284892) **12.30pm** Boomerang (5344076) **1.00** Tradside (2653182) **1.30** Pierre Franey (5343347) **2.00** Getaway (1105892) **2.30** On Top of the World (9333521) **3.00** Whicker's World (1124927) **3.30** Hong Kong (9345366) **4.00** Guide (8324873) **4.30** Colorado River (5320057) **5.00** Venice (1196144) **5.30** Around the World (9344637) **6.00** On Top of the World (9334250) **6.30** Independent Travellers Guide (7937415) **7.30** Getaway (9321786) **8.00** Around the World (1192328) **8.30** Travel Guide (1104163) **9.00** Floyd On Oz (4610724) **9.30** Independent Travellers Guide (4774705) **10.30** Venice (4201569) **11.00** Globetrotter (4622569) **11.30-12.00** American Adventurer (4371502)



Life and death with the doctors of *Chicago Hope* (Sky One, 9pm)

TLC
8.00am Toycraft (7635569) **9.30** Madeleine (7401434) **10.00** Grow Your Greens (1565873) **10.30** Will It Hurt? (7824453) **11.00** Only Human (2150811) **11.45** Draw With Don (15965569) **12.00** The Right Thing? (7815705) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (7405250) **1.00** Cooks (9314927) **1.30** Toycraft (7404521) **2.00** Robert's Story (9322076) **2.30** Soul Mates (7526095) **3.00** Grow Your Greens (9334811) **3.30-4.00** Green Fingers (7521540)

UK GOLD
7.00am Nanna (9384786) **7.30** Neighbours (8396521) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7814076) **8.30** EastEnders (7813347) **9.00** The Bill (7837927) **9.30** The Sullivans (7403892) **10.00** Sayers Mystery (9392705) **11.00** Dallas (9312569) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7817163) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7414908) **1.00** EastEnders (9383057) **1.30** The Bill (7413279) **2.00** The Sullivans (51389279) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (8644250) **3.00** Angels (8343589) **3.30** Eldorado (7530298) **4.00** Casualty (72350569) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4597502) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (4813540) **6.25** EastEnders (9661927) **7.00** Eldorado (9328250) **7.30** Liver Birds (7516618) **8.00** Angels (3639298) **8.25** Butterflies (8079182) **9.00** Danger UXB (1944182) **10.00** The Bill (2517163) **10.35** Classic Sport (51748786) **11.40** Edge Of Darkness (9903366) **12.45am** Dr Who (3541361) **1.15** Out (9721651) **2.10-3.30** Shopping (9743880)

TCC
6.00am Sesame Street (18960) **7.00** Barney (87502) **7.30** Sonic (70627) **8.00** Valley High (28724) **8.30** The Tick (27095) **9.00** Top Toon (18347) **9.30** Where's Wally? (38231) **10.00** Garfield (58502) **10.30** Art Attack (6326705) **10.45** Dish of the Day (6314960) **11.00** AJ's Time Travellers (74366) **11.30** Hang Time (75095) **12.00** California Dreams (21811) **12.30pm** Bill and Ted (47347) **1.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (65873) **1.30** The New Pink Panther Show (46618) **2.00-5.00** Valley High (400521)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (9082908) **7.05** Mutant Hero Turtles (7798873) **7.45** Rugrats (184908) **8.15** The Ferals (260892) **8.45** Count Duckula (2737340) **9.00** Nick Jr (972298) **12.00** Lunchbox (69057) **12.30pm** Pee Wee's Playhouse (41861) **1.00** The Ferals (59144) **1.30** Dungeons and Dragons (51732) **2.00** Denver (5250) **2.30** Galaxy High (9750) **3.00** Chill Out (1057) **3.30** North Wind (2095) **4.00** Hero Turtles (1502) **4.30** Rugrats (7786) **5.00** Clarissa (6502) **5.30** Global Cuts (1366) **6.00** Doug (8279) **6.30-7.00** Count Duckula (2231)

DISCOVERY
4.00am Wildside (5756057) **5.00** Out of the Past (9325163) **6.00** Invention (9640434) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (7418926) **7.30** Agenda 21 (7507960) **8.00** Azimuth (1922960) **9.00** State of Alert (5785569) **9.30** History's Mysteries (7492786) **10.00** Dinosaur! (1945811) **11.00-12.00** Tales from the Interstate (9391076)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Crawling Hand (1572163) **2.00pm** Danger Man (1560328) **3.00** Robin Hood (9338637) **3.30** Man from Interpol (7525366) **4.00** FILM: The Raging Moon (9332453) **6.00** Scotland Yard (7514250) **6.30** Department S (1953347) **7.30** Robin Hood (7501786) **8.00** Space 1999 (1928786) **9.00** Twin Peaks (1939250) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Organization With Sidney Poitier (5763347)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (9353057) **7.00** Magazine (1710250) **9.00** Old Garden (7888637) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1090144) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (4650347) **10.50** Entertainment (40149927) **11.00** Young and Restless (4495231) **11.55** Hudson and Halls (6479618) **12.30pm** Brookside (4822453) **1.05** Kilroy (6230908) **2.00** Agony Hour (4317705) **3.00** Magazine (9833076) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9672989) **4.30** Crosswits (7522892) **5.05** Joker's Wild (52318193) **5.30** Bewitched (9885453) **6.00** Esther (9882366) **6.30** Brookside (3369250) **7.05** Jerry Springer (4834724) **8.00** Young and Restless (2931057) **9.00** FILM: Cry in the Night (17597908) **10.50** Entertainment (6389095) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (1707786)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Wonder Years (9618) **5.30** Tintin (711347) **5.50** Batman (893298) **6.25** Catchphrase (854569) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (2182) **7.30** My Two Dads (6873) **8.00** FILM: Old Friends Never Die (85960) **10.00** Busman's Holiday (22540) **10.30** Moonlighting (84724) **11.30** Batman (54786) **12.00** Tintin (61922) **12.30am** Second Guess (38361) **1.00** Zorro (31477) **1.30** Rhoda (72212) **2.00** Moonlighting (99651) **3.00** Rhoda (44941) **3.30** Zorro (16157) **4.00** The Wonder Years (19380) **4.30-5.00** Black Stallion (45670)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (92922) **6.30** Grind (76908) **7.00** 3 From 1 (7541182) **7.15** Wideside (5068057) **8.00** VJ Maria (802705) **10.30** Pulse (18989) **11.00** Soul (84415) **12.00** Hits (51540) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (37960) **2.00** 3 from 1 (16449144) **2.15** Music (2323892) **3.00** Cinematic (5794328) **3.15** Hanging Out (6349182) **4.00** News **4.15** Hanging Out (3119569) **4.30** Dial MTV (7502) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (1076) **5.30** Hanging Out (1182) **6.00** VJ Tatiana (57724) **7.00** Sports (4540) **7.30** Greatest Hits (8231) **8.00** MTV's Most Wanted (36366) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (89569) **10.00** News **10.15** Cinematic (855637) **10.30** London (17618) **11.00** The End? (76705) **12.30am** Videos (5577748)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (3652453) **9.00** Cafe (1371927) **12.00** Heart and Soul (5365569) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (5341989) **2.00** Inxs (4385705) **3.00** Music (2926618) **6.00** Van Halen (5354453) **7.00** For You (2876873) **8.00** Tuesday Review (2685521) **9.00** Gary Moore (2872057) **10.00** Vinyl Years (2875144) **11.00** Nightly (4605182) **1.00am** Jon Bon Jovi (5566903) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (34571499) **8.30** Cricket (54506453) **9.00** FILM: Yaar Ganban Da (69261366) **12.00** Campus (54517569) **12.30pm** Manas (45314095) **1.00** FILM: Awwal Number (96564540) **4.00** Hastey Basrey (10853989) **4.30** Nukkad (10842873) **5.00** Zee Zone (65564908) **5.30** Serial (10866453) **6.00** Campus (10863366) **6.30** Zee and U (10854616) **7.00** Serial (97757873) **8.00** News (66553892) **8.30** Antakshari (66572927) **9.00-12.00** FILM: Commando (71114637)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.

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Buoyant team spirit augurs well in build-up to opening match of tour

England ease into action in positive mood

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN JOHANNESBURG

WITH a confidence that betokens ease with each other, if not absolute serenity, the England cricketers play their first match of the South Africa tour today. It may be only a one-day game against Nicky Oppenheimer's XI in the diamond magnate's grounds at Randjesfontein, but the public mood reflects the private one. England are firm of purpose, sound of mind, and prepared for their big adventure.

"The players are ready to get cracking," Michael Atherton, who cuts a senatorial figure at net practice, said. "Team spirit is not something you can put your finger on, but the feeling is good and it is pleasing to see the work they have maintained."

Atherton, the captain, is one of six players who feature both today and in the day-night game tomorrow against Eastern Transvaal at Springs: the others are Stewart, Smith, Ramprakash, Gough and Illingworth. They are joined today by Crawley, Russell, Watkinson and Ilott, and Malcolm, who will no doubt run in fairly gently. On each day the players not involved will practise, but everybody is getting a game and, for now, there are none of those broken bones and ruptured muscles that disturb a team's rhythm.

A phoney war it may be, but there are still battles to be won before the Test team takes shape. The most important in the first instance must be fought by Stewart, who has not played competitive cricket since July and who, significantly, keeps wicket tomorrow when Russell stands down.

Until he comes through the three four-day matches, against the South Africa Invitation XI, Border and South Africa A, and declares himself unequivocally fit to open the batting in the first Test match, which starts on November 1b, Stewart's right index finger, fractured three times in the past year, will remain England's biggest worry. These games do not necessarily provide a great test, but Stewart will feel happier for coming through them painlessly.

The facts facing the vice-captain are stark. He has missed three Tests in each of England's past two series, six out of 11, and has not played since suffering that third break, against West Indies at Edgbaston. At the height of his career, therefore, when he should be batting more productively than ever, England cannot take his selection for granted.

This is an important tour for



Stewart: central figure

Stewart. First, he must stay fit. Then, he must make the runs that have not come abundantly since he made those two hundreds in the Barbados Test in April 1994. As Atherton's deputy, though no longer a member of the selection panel, he is an important figure in the team.

Otherwise all is fine and dandy. John Edrich, the batting coach, cannot recall a better start to any tour he experienced as a player. Peter Lever, the bowling coach, said: "If you had offered me this before we flew out here, I'd have bitten your hand off." On the flight here, Lever reminded Edrich and Raymond Illingworth, the tour manager, that it was on exactly the same day, 25 years ago, that they left as players for Australia, where Illingworth's team won 2-0.

The Oppenheimer XI, like all teams in this sort of fixture, is a compound of experienced players and those of whom mighty deeds are expected. Names that commend themselves to English eyes include Roy Pienaar, of Northern Transvaal, who spent three seasons with Kent, and Hugh Page, the captain of Griqualand West, whose summer with Essex in 1987 was not a great success. Steve Elworthy, also of Northern Transvaal, joins Lancashire next year as the deputy overseas player.

Among those with futures to make are two 21-year-olds, Dale Benkenstein and Herschelle Gibbs. Benkenstein, a batting all-rounder with Natal, has captained the South Africa under-24 side and has designs on promotion. Gibbs, who bats for Western Province, has yet to live up to his reputationand could press the top-order players in the national side.

Disquiet about their recent performances has led to speculation that Kepler Wessels, 38, the former captain, may be persuaded out of international retirement. Wessels, who scored heavily for Eastern Province last winter after standing down, is not trumpeting his candidacy; neither has he pronounced himself unavailable. It is a case of wait and see, and Bob Woolmer, the South Africa coach, may not wait much longer.

ENGLAND XI (v Nicky Oppenheimer's XI, today): M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, M R Ramprakash, J P Crawley, R A Smith, R C Russell, M Watkinson, D Gough, M C Ilott, R K Illingworth, D E Malcolm

NICKY OPPENHEIMER XI: J Oppenheimer (captain), D Benkenstein, S Elworthy, H Gibbs, A Kourie, H Page, R Pienaar, J Teeger, G Toyama, H Williams, M Yachad

ENGLAND XI (v Eastern Transvaal, tomorrow): M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, R A Smith, M R Ramprakash, D G Cork, D Gough, P J Martin, R K Illingworth, A R C Fraser



Atherton, the England captain, finishes practice yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

Robinson's place in World Cup final in balance

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ENGLAND will be forced to do without one of their main strike players for the rugby league World Cup final against Australia at Wembley on Saturday if Jason Robinson fails to recover from a bruised foot.

Robinson was unable to train yesterday, and John Bentley — himself only just off the casualty list after a hamstring strain — and Paul Cook will come into consideration for selection on Thursday, unless Robinson can overcome the injury he sustained in the semi-final defeat of Wales on Saturday.

"The foot's very sore," Robinson, the Wigan right wing, said. "I twisted it in a tackle and someone fell across me. I've not been running on it, but it's early days yet." He aggravated the injury by playing on in the second half. "He played in a lot of pain and there must be a doubt," Phil Larder, the England coach, said.

It would be a surprise if Bobbie Goulding were to be ousted from the scrum half position, which he has occupied so effectively for the past three games, to accommodate Shaun Edwards. The England captain, who only resumes training today after a knee infection, has admitted that the best he can hope for is a place among the substitutes.

Larder's other main choice is at stand-off half, a possibility for Edwards were he fit and willing to move there, but almost certainly between Daryl Powell, training again after a calf injury, and Tony Smith.

Although he has worked hard to recover from pneumonia, it seems unlikely now that Larder will risk partnering Gary Connolly in the centre alongside Paul Newlove. Barrie-Jon Mather is challenging Nick Pinkney for the other centre position.

Russell Smith, the subject of a formal complaint by Australia about the second-half penalty count in New Zealand's favour in their semi-final, Stuart Cummings, also of England, and Eddie Ward, of Australia, are the candidates to referee the final.

☐ Leigh hope to sign Ali Davys, the scrum half of the Cook Islands, who meet Ireland in the final of the emerging nations event at Bury tonight.

Warren sets up fund to monitor health of boxers

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NO BOXER in Britain need go without a brain scan for lack of money after the setting-up of a trust fund by Frank Warren, the London promoter, to monitor the health of boxers.

Warren announced yesterday that his company, Sportsnetwork, had put sufficient resources — believed to be around £800,000 — into a fund to finance MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and CT (Computerised Tomography) scans for the 800 boxers holding licences from the British Boxing Board of Control. The scans may reveal the onset of any damage.

Warren hoped that the board and other promoters would also contribute to the fund, which will be known as the Murray-Stone fund, in memory of James Murray and Bradley Stone, who died as a result of head injuries received in the ring.

"The dangers will always be there in boxing," Warren said. "But we can monitor boxers by letting them have MRI and CT scans. As head of Sportsnetwork, I have established a trust fund called the Murray-Stone fund. MRI and CT scans will be available to every boxer that wants it.

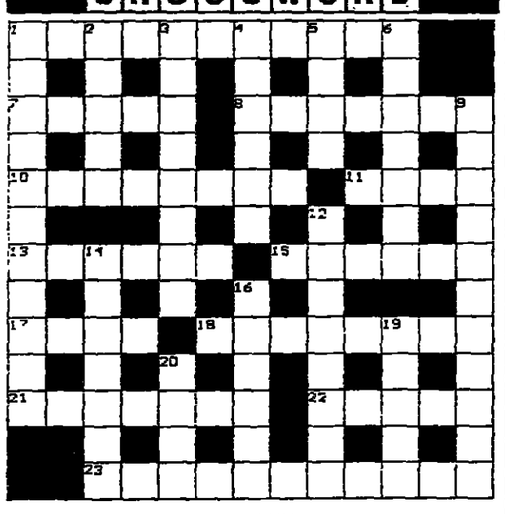
"The money will be used for any boxer to have a scan and hopefully the British Boxing Board of Control and PBA [Professional Boxers Association] will get involved.

"MRI scans are very expensive. It's OK for well-known fighters and fighters' with well-known managers. But the other 80 per cent find it very difficult and can't afford it. But the Murray-Stone Trust Fund will give every boxer in this country an MRI scan.

"It's not a political thing. I hope every promoter will chip in. We have got to do all we can to make the sport as safe as possible. MRI scans are vital as they could reveal that some boxers have brain damage."

The last man to be prevented by the board from boxing in Britain as a result of a brain scan was James "Bonecrusher" Smith, who had travelled to London to box Henry Akinwande in 1994. The board is to release tomorrow the findings of a year-long study by a working party on safety measures in the ring.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 608

ACROSS
1 No problems yet (2,3,2,4)
7 Slacken, diminish (3,2)
8 Agent of retribution (orig. goddess) (7)
10 *Refusal to let go* (8)
11 Coagulated milk; sounds like *Iraq tribesman* (4)
13 Exhausted, feeble (6)
15 Aggressive cock; boxing weight (6)
17 Oil-producers' cartel (1,1,1,1)
18 Most serious part of accusation (8)
21 *Takes desultory interest (in)* (7)
22 Capital of Tibet (5)
23 *In wrong way* (1,1)

DOWN
1 Tiny instant (5,6)
2 Japanese bed-quilt (5)
3 Ruthless greed (8)
4 Heavily embellished (6)
5 Resistance units (4); free-postage rubric (1,1,1,1)
6 Offend, revolt (7)
9 (Rocks) created by deposits (11)
12 *Steward made a fool of (Twelfth Night)* (8)
14 Something for nothing (7)
16 Place of confinement (6)
19 Wealth, income; denotes (5)
20 Speak indistinctly, disparagingly (4)

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Stormy reception awaits Pakistan

Simon Wilde says Australians are furious about the not guilty verdict on Salim Malik

FRIENDS of Salim Malik, the Pakistan Test cricketer cleared by an internal inquiry of trying to fix matches, said yesterday that he was happy and relaxed after undergoing several months of "tremendous mental trauma".

Judging by the vitriolic reaction in Australia to the decision, and the fragile morale within the Pakistan camp, Malik's new-found sense of wellbeing will be sorely tested in the coming weeks as he tours the country with his national team.

"The exoneration of Malik is tantamount to a slap in the face to the Australian Test players who issued sworn affidavits alleging Malik offered bribes," said the *Sydney Morning Herald*, which first published claims that Tim May and Shane Warne had been offered money by Malik to bowl badly. "In effect, they have been branded liars," it added. "The ACB [Australian Cricket Board] may feel charitable but there will be no policy of forgive and forget when Malik comes out to bat against Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath, Paul Reiffel, Warne and company in the first Test ... Malik should bring his flak-jacket."

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, conceded there was the possibility of confrontation. "I believe what they [May and Warne] said and I back my players. There may be heated moments but I'm sure both sides will concentrate on the cricket."

There was criticism, too, for the International Cricket Council (ICC), whose chief executive, David Richards, insisted that the bribery investigation was the responsibility of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). At the PCB's instigation, it was conducted by a retired Supreme Court judge who dismissed the allegations, saying they had been concocted for reasons best known to the accusers.

"There is no limit to the incompetence and impotence of the ICC," *The Australian* said. "By refusing to address the grave allegations of bribery and corruption, the ICC is guilty of failing the international cricket community." *The Daily Telegraph Mirror* said: "The Salim Malik affair has exposed the International Cricket Council as one of the great toothless tigers of world sport", a charge denied by Richards. "Each country is responsible for its players," he said. "It is a foundation stone of the structure of international cricket."

The Pakistan tour party — without Malik, who has been delayed by visa problems — reaches Perth today and will play its first match on Thursday against an ACB Chairman's XI, from which Warne has been withdrawn.

The players were given a deflating send-off by Majid Khan, replaced as manager on Sunday. "I made a grave error of judgment in associating myself with this board. I have been obstructed, harassed, maligned and insulted in the press," he said.

Venison delights in Southampton

BARRY VENISON yesterday swopped the dubious delights of Turkey for the rather more sedate surroundings of England's South Coast when he moved from Galatasaray to Southampton for £800,000. Although Southampton are struggling in eighteenth place in the FA Carling Premiership, the former Newcastle United defender is not expected to perform any sacrificial rituals with goats to bring the club good fortune.

Venison spent only four months in Turkey, after leaving St James' Park for £750,000 but, like Mike Marsh, the former West Ham United and Coventry midfield player, was unable to settle. Marsh returned home after only two months when he joined Southend United for £500,000.

"It was a big culture change and challenge," Venison, 31, said. "I thought myself and my family handled it well, but Turkish football did not suit my style of play and I did not suit Turkish football. The standard is nowhere near as good as the premier league but I don't regret going. It has broadened my horizons and made me appreciate what there is to offer in England."

Asked what he had learnt in Turkey, Venison said: "I know how long it takes a goat to die



Venison: unsettled in Turkey

once it has had its throat cut."

Dave Merrington, the Southampton manager, will call on Venison's experience in an attempt to halt his side's indifferent form. They have won only one Premiership match this season, albeit against Newcastle.

"Barry has got great leadership qualities and with all the young players we have here, he can do a vital job for us," Merrington said. "There are not many players who can lead, and we feel sure he will prove a big asset." Venison, who has signed a three-year contract, is likely to make his debut in the Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie against West Ham at The Dell tomorrow.

Richard Jobson, the Oldham Athletic central defender, has moved to Leeds United for £1 million — four months after a similar deal broke down because it was discovered that he was suffering from a blood disorder.

Bill Fotherby, the Leeds managing director, said: "Richard has played regularly for Oldham since the previous transfer collapsed, and a special medical report has given him the all-clear. Everything has been agreed." Jobson, 32, has signed a 2½-year contract.

John Harkes, the former Sheffield Wednesday and Derby County midfield player, has joined West Ham on loan from the new American Major Soccer League, for the rest of the season. "John can stay on even beyond April if we request it," Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said.

No such encouraging news for Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager. The Department of Employment has yet to issue a work permit for Juninho, the Brazil international, and he could miss his intended debut in the Premiership fixture at Manchester United on Saturday. "We have to let matters take their course," Robson said.

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Divided reformist parties face losses in Russian election

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AS MANY as 43 parties and factions across the political spectrum will contest the forthcoming Russian parliamentary elections. The campaign promises to be both colourful and controversial.

Voters will be able to choose from among Communist hardliners, nationalists and even "beer lovers" when they go to the polls on December 17 to elect a new Duma, the lower house of of parliament.

But it is not yet clear how many of the parties will be recognised by the Electoral Commission when campaigning officially begins a week from today. Some parties reportedly paid bribes or made threats to gain the necessary 200,000 signatures to register. The authorities are still investigating some 85 candidates suspected by the police of belonging to the criminal underworld and allegedly seeking seats to achieve immunity from prosecution.

Eight mainstream parties have already been approved, and will probably win most of the vote. Russian opinion polls are notoriously unreliable, but nearly every big recent survey suggests that Communists and their left-wing allies, together with nationalist parties, will dominate the Duma after the elections.

Experts believe that only a handful of parties can expect to cross the 5 per cent threshold necessary to take a place in the Duma. The Communists, led by the young and pragmatic Gennadi Zyuganov, have so far made the strongest showing. Allied to the Communists are the Agrarians, representing the powerful agricultural sector.

Yabloko, the liberal faction led by Grigori Yavlinksy, is the only party from the divided reformist camp likely to maintain and possibly improve its standing. The other factions, which four years ago dominated government and spearheaded reform, are likely to be big losers.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky's ultra-nationalist Liberal Democratic Party, winner of nearly a third of the vote last time, may also lose support through having to share the nationalist vote with the Congress of Russian Communities.

To offset the strong showing by opposition forces, the Government hopes that Our Home Is Russia, headed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, will secure enough seats to block their dominance in the legislature.

Arms cargo held

Moscow: Russian customs officials have seized a train bound for North Korea with an illegal cargo of anti-aircraft weapons from Kazakhstan.

The train did not have a permit for transporting a military cargo, Interfax said yesterday. *(AFP)*



Eberhard Diepgen, the Mayor of Berlin, with Helmut Kohl in Bonn yesterday

Berliners punish feuding SPD

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN

LEADERS of the Social Democrats, Germany's main opposition party, which suffered its worst election results for 50 years in state polls in Berlin on Sunday, struggled yesterday to halt the decline of their party.

As the party's executive gathered in Bonn yesterday to assess the damage, the focus shifted to the future of Rudolf Scharping, the SPD's uncharismatic leader, who will today face further embarrassment when his name goes forward for re-election as parliamentary leader. Although Herr Scharping is likely to survive, if by just a few votes, he will have to shoulder most of the blame for the party's disastrous losses in Berlin. The party slumped to a postwar low point of 23.3 per cent of the vote as opposed to 37.4 per cent for the Christian Democrats (CDU) of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

The Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), the eastern German reformed communists, attracted 14.6 per cent. The Greens achieved 13.2 per cent while the Free Democrats (FDP) failed to reach the minimum 5 per cent, thereby eliminating it from the capital's parliament. Herr Scharping's failure to bring his party closer together will no doubt be exploited by his main rival, Gerhard Schröder, the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, who has ignored calls for unity among the party faithful. German commentators believe that the Berlin result could signal the beginning of the end of Herr Scharping's political career.

There was widespread agreement in the party that the bickering over the national leadership did little to help the leading SPD candidate in Berlin, Ingrid Stahmer, a local senator, in her fight against Eberhard Diepgen, the governing Mayor. The Social Democrats have also suffered from the decline of their old working-class base.

The only small consolation is that the party will join the CDU in a ruling coalition in the Berlin state parliament. If Herr Kohl were to move the national Government to Berlin tomorrow, he would feel equally at home as on the Rhine, where he continues to carry the mantle as Europe's longest-serving leader.

Moscow unlocks its musical treasures

BY RICHARD BEESTON

RUSSIA has finally agreed to open a musical treasure chest of hundreds of thousands of recordings dating back 60 years, in a deal described as one of the most important cultural projects of the century.

After years of disputes and legal wrangling, an American music company and a British distributor have won exclusive rights to release as many as 400,000 recordings, hitherto sealed in the former Soviet state musical archives.

"The Russian Government has given the full go-ahead at last," said Tristan Del, the chairman of Phoenix Entertainment, a Los Angeles-based company, which has been battling for three years to complete the deal. "The first release will most likely be at the beginning of next year."

Jack Dorsey, a British music producer, said that some recordings were badly decayed, but said restoration was possible. "This can be complicated and expensive, but with the latest technology we have achieved some spectacular results," he said.

Although no figure was released, Mr Del estimated the recordings to be worth some £6 billion. Britain's Telstar Records will handle distribution.

The recordings, some of which go back to the 1930s, include performances by Arthur Rubinstein, Yehudi Menuhin and Luciano Pavarotti. Among the Russian artists featured are composers Dmitri Shostakovich and Mstislav Rostropovich and pianists Emil Gilels and Svyatoslav Richter. Mr Del made clear that royalties would be paid to the artists involved, many of whom were never properly recompensed under Communist rule.

In negotiating the deal, Phoenix Entertainment faced what it described as "tremendous opposition and disinformation". The scheme was widely attacked in the media and by politicians who accused the authorities of selling off one of Russia's greatest cultural treasures.



Shostakovich: a chance to hear past recordings

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Major warns UN of urgent need to put its accounts in order

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN issued a warning yesterday that the United Nations must be reformed if it is to survive, and proposed the abolition of UN agencies and changes to its financing system.

John Major told delegates celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the organisation that the 185 members of the General Assembly should hold a special session on reform and financing next year. "Inaction is no longer an option. The threat to the future of the UN will not come from change," he said. "It will come from inertia."

Mr Major made a strong appeal to America and other UN debtors to pay their outstanding dues, but he emphasised that reforms must also be made if taxpayers round the world were to continue to support the organisation.

"It is not sustainable for member states to enjoy representation without taxation," Mr Major said. "Contributions should be paid promptly and in full and arrears cleared. But this must be accompanied by a new focus on efficiency, and by modernising assessment to reflect the changing capacity of countries to pay."

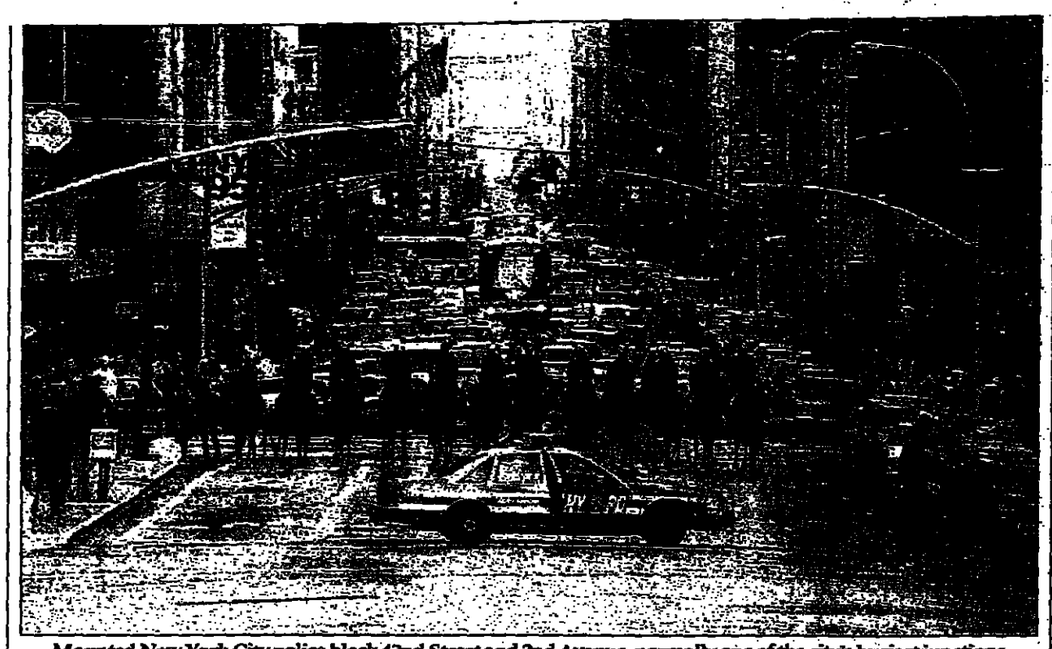
Describing himself as a "strong supporter" and "candid friend" of the UN, Mr Major nonetheless denounced the waste and duplication in the organisation.

"Is too much time and energy spent on ritual verbal battles, brilliantly interpreted into six langauges, and printed on the world's highest paper mountain?" he asked. "Of course it is."

He complained that the UN was too slow to close old agencies when new ones were created, and proposed that some bodies should be scrapped. British officials singled out for particular scrutiny the UN Conference on Trade and Development, as well as the regional UN economic commissions, the UN Industrial Development Organisation and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Mr Major also underlined the need for "financial reform" — a reference to Britain's proposal to rejig the UN budget so that emerging economic powers in Asia pay a greater share. Mr Major's call for reforms was echoed by President Chirac, who proposed the creation of a single post to co-ordinate the sprawling UN agencies dealing with Third World problems.

Later yesterday Mr Major was to hold talks with President Menem in the first meeting of British and Argentine leaders since the 1982 Falklands conflict. Señor Menem told reporters that his country now enjoyed "excellent" relations with Britain and that their dispute over the Falklands had been placed "under an umbrella".



Mounted New York City police block 42nd Street and 2nd Avenue, normally one of the city's busiest junctions

Tight security empties city streets

BY JAMES BONE

THE security cordon round the UN's fiftieth anniversary celebrations was punctured briefly yesterday by a Greenpeace protester who jumped off a nearby bridge with a parachute.

The protester sailed over the East River towards UN headquarters trailing a banner proclaiming "End Nuclear Tests" before he was forced to land on an island and arrested.

The escapade, timed to coincide with an address by Jacques Chirac, the French President, was the most troubling test yet of the extensive security effort now under way in New York.

The largest security operation in US history for the largest gathering of world leaders ever — more than 140 Kings, Presidents and Prime Ministers have arrived in New York for the three-day UN fête — has closed the East Side of midtown Manhattan to the point where a half-mile stretch of First Avenue is now used only as a car park for scores of police vehicles.

Accused drug pair on trial

Miami: After President Clinton announced on Sunday that he was freezing the assets of known drug barons, the trial of Miami's two most notorious "narcos" opened yesterday. (David Adams writes).

Augusto Falcon and Salvador Magluta are charged with importing 75 tonnes of cocaine between 1978 and 1991.

Efforts to bring them to trial were frustrated by new business fronts and secret bank accounts, a fate many expect to befall Mr Clinton's initiative.

Clinton faces new inquiry

Washington: The Republican foes of President Clinton on Capitol Hill will open hearings today into "Travelgate" (Ian Brodie writes). This concerns the abrupt dismissal more than two years ago of all seven White House travel office employees and their replacement by a distant cousin of Mr Clinton and other people interested in obtaining lucrative contracts for White House travel charters.

Wilson to back Dole campaign

Washington: Pete Wilson, the Governor of California, who was unable to find enough support for his own presidential ambitions, endorsed Senator Robert Dole, the front-runner, for the Republican nomination (Tom Rhodes writes). Mr Wilson is expected to serve as the Dole campaign general chairman, having declined the nomination for Vice-President.

Waldheim says US mistaken

Vienna: Kurt Waldheim, the former UN Secretary-General, hopes Washington will remove the "undesirable alien" status blocking his entry into the US over his wartime activities, according to an interview published here. Dr Waldheim, who headed the UN from 1972 to 1981, told the daily *Kurier* that the US made a mistake. *(AFP)*

Jiang talks venue changed

New York: President Clinton faces a difficult meeting with President Jiang Zemin of China today (Martin Fletcher writes). The White House changed the venue to the Lincoln Centre after the Chinese discovered that the New York Public Library had an exhibition referring to the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

Thatcher's $1,000 platform

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE American adoration for Baroness Thatcher found its bizarrest manifestation last night when more than 600 celebrities paid $1,000 (£640) a head to observe her 70th birthday in a railway terminus.

Union Station in Washington is a flamboyant mixture of classical and art deco, but there was a sense that devotees would have dined on a platform at St Pancras if Lady Thatcher was at the head table.

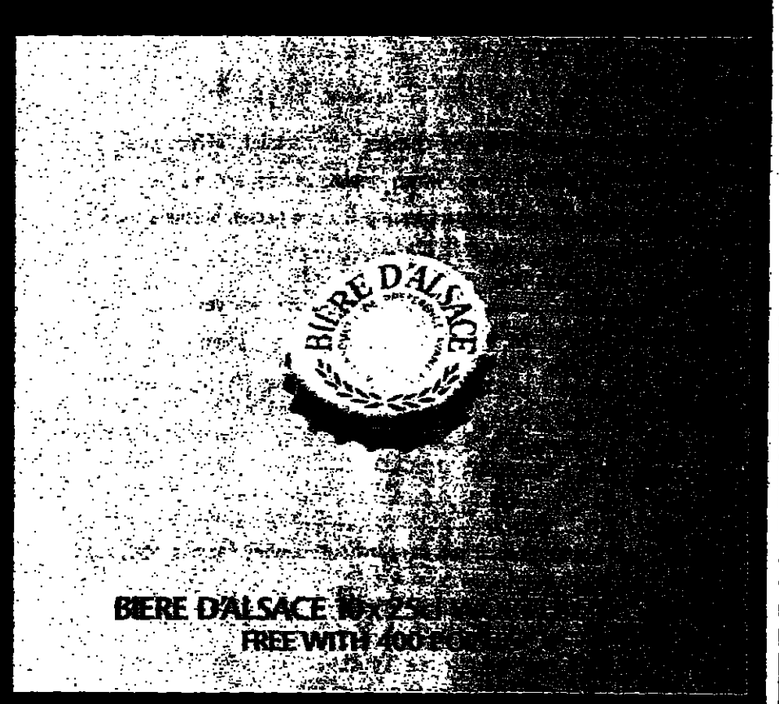
Devotion in America for the Iron Lady in America has grown during her five years out of office. "I have always admired the lady; she has something which appeals to us all here — I guess women even more than men," said Deirdre Blackwood, a congressional staff member.

Newt Gingrich, Phil Gramm and Malcolm Forbes Jnr joined Barbara Walters and Joan Rivers, the television luminaries, at the dinner. Ronald Reagan's wife Nancy and Brian Mulroney, the former Canadian Prime Minister, offered tributes.

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Roosevelt estate gives US summit a sense of history

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AT HYDE PARK, NEW YORK STATE

PRESIDENT Clinton brought President Yeltsin to Hyde Park for their ninth meeting yesterday, clearly hoping that the spirit of Franklin Roosevelt's wonderfully tranquil estate would help to surmount his guest's objections to Nato's eastward expansion and to American proposals for securing the peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The estate, overlooking the Hudson River, is rife with memories of America's co-operation with Russia during the Second World War and Mr Clinton missed no opportunity to point them out to his Russian guest.

A fleet of helicopters ferried the two leaders and their aides up from Manhattan, 90 miles to the south. Mr Clinton greeted Mr Yeltsin with a bear hug after the Russian landed on a sweep of sun-soaked lawn ringed by the glorious colours of the autumnal trees.

The two men chatted enthusiastically as they walked 200 yards to the 35-room mansion, laughing and slapping each other on the back.

The American President showed Mr Yeltsin various Roosevelt memorabilia, including wartime cables to Stalin and the hat and cloak that Roosevelt wore at the Yalta summit.

Mr Clinton presented Mr Yeltsin with a leather-bound book of Roosevelt's "fireside chats" inscribed "with high hopes that we can make permanent the friendship and co-operation that meant so much to our people in World War Two".

Mr Yeltsin gave his host two Moscow Penguins ice hockey jerseys, one with "Clinton" on the front and the other with "Yeltsin". On the back of both garments were the figures 96, referring to next year's presidential elections in both countries.

The two leaders sat outside the place where Roosevelt was born and buried for the benefit of photographers. Roosevelt had adored the place; four times he stood on its terrace to acknowledge his presidential victories and he used it as his summer White House. He returned to the estate to unwind more than 200 times during his 12-year presidency.

It was here that Roosevelt introduced King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, to the great American hot dog in 1939. Even at the war's height he found time to write to his estates manager complaining about the exorbitant price of a silo. In 1944, sick and exhausted by the strain of the war, he wrote: "All that is within me cries out to go back to my home on the Hudson River."

Roosevelt died the following year and his grave is in a rose garden adjacent to the house. He bequeathed his home and estate to the nation. It is now a national park and contains the first of America's presidential libraries.

Harlem cheers 'hero' Castro

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

CRIES of "Viva Fidel!" rang through Harlem when President Castro, the Cuban dictator so disliked by many Americans, visited one district in the United States where he can count on a warm welcome. His rambling speech at a black Harlem church duly met with cheers.

Señor Castro was returning to the rundown New York neighbourhood where he stayed as a young firebrand in 1960. To recapture a little of the excitement of former days he changed out of the suit he wore for his speech at the United Nations and into his trademark fatigues. The crowd whooped as the old revolutionary ran through a familiar list of accusations.

"We will never change, because we were right," said Señor Castro, 69, illustrating his speech with declamatory gestures. He ridiculed America, scorned her anti-Cuban policies and attacked officialdom, which has largely snubbed him on his first visit to the United States since 1979. This rejection ensured him the support of Harlem's blacks.



President Castro sporting his trademark fatigues at a Baptist church in Harlem

"As people of African descent, we understand that kind of ill-treatment," the Rev Calvin Butts, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, said. Outside, a large number of people who had failed to gain admittance held up pro-Castro banners and awaited his re-emergence. "As I drove to Harlem, people were doing this," said Señor Castro, making a thumbs-down sign. "But when I got to Harlem" — and here, to cheers, he turned his thumb up — "I saw everyone doing this".

He criticised Washington's trade embargo on Havana and, cheekily, offered Cuban aid to poor America. "If in any neighbourhood you don't have a doctor, our doctors will come to work here," he said.

At the other end of town, however, Rudolph Giuliani, New York's Mayor, regretted such "romantic fascination" with a "ruthless dictator", and Señor Castro's estranged daughter, Alina Fernández Revuelta, accused him of being "a man with a monologue — he has been saying the same things since 1959".

Agency for food told to slim

FROM REUTER IN ROME

AMERICA yesterday told the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation to cut costs.

Echoing President Clinton's weekend message to the anniversary meeting, Richard Rominger, the US Deputy Agriculture Secretary, told the agency's governing conference in Rome that Washington still backed its work but wanted it to trim spending.

The agency, meanwhile, said in an annual report that the gains of increased trade had been extremely uneven and world markets were "plagued" by distortive intervention and protection in old and new forms.

"There is a global economic recovery under way — but millions of people, mainly in African countries that are less well integrated into the world economy, are yet to see its benefits," wrote the director-general, Jacques Diouf.

Before his speech, Mr Rominger said America wanted the agency budget to be $600 million (£380,000) — nearly $100 million less than that proposed by M Diouf. The conference will vote on Friday.

Power-lunch women let the men go thirsty

IT WAS, arguably, the real power lunch. Spouses of the world leaders left their better halves to the talking yesterday and attended a lunch at the Metropolitan Art Museum. Arne Brundtland was the only First Gentleman amid a scented swamp of First Ladies.

Hillary Clinton welcomed counterparts and other prominent women, from Her Excellency Mrs Nana Agyeman Rawlings, wife of the Ghanaian flight lieutenant, to Mrs Edith Bongo of Gabon, two Cambodian princesses and Queen Noor of Jordan.

Norma Major was on the best table, wearing a smart cream and black suit. She said she might try to shop while in New York — "to buy some records", explained Mrs Major, an authority on opera.

The African and oriental [redacted] women arrived in outfits of astonishing colour and variety, but there was also an akward moment when two guests turned up wearing the same "monument print" scarf.

The menu included salmon, chicken breast and a sinful chocolate pudding. Barbara Walters, broadcaster, spoke of global communications.

Back at the United Nations, meanwhile, the men were having to fend for themselves. For some world leaders, apparently, this was a forgotten art. Normally they have flunkies to tend to their every need, but when you have so many leaders in one place at the same time they lose their special treatment.

Joe Sills, spokesman for Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, described a scene of a queue of bemused statesmen looking at a coffee station, wondering how it worked. He compared them to promising school footballers who, on being promoted to a stronger league, suddenly find they are not so special after all.

MRS BRUNDTLAND'S medical knowledge was called on en route to New York when a passenger on her flight suffered heart problems off the coast of Iceland and the crew asked for help.

It turned out there were three doctors on board, including the 42-year-old male patient, and they decided the best course was for the Boeing 767 to detour to Iceland. Mrs Brundtland, Norway's Prime Minister, who left medicine for politics almost 20 years ago, held the man in her arms to comfort him. The patient left hospital later to continue his journey.

SOMEWHERE between his room at the Waldorf and the UN, Yassir Arafat managed to lose his security pass. The PLO leader was heard to ask, worriedly, if he would be allowed into the building without it. "Don't worry, Mr Arafat," an official said, passing an eye over the familiar scarf and that wispy beard, "I think the guards will probably recognise you."

AMID the ludicrously heavy security, a wedding took place. The happy couple, Shirley and Dennis Wong, had chosen this weekend a year ago for their wedding, little realising that the Church Centre on First Avenue would be sealed off by Secret Service agents. Happily the cordon sanitaire was lifted to allow the bridal party through. One of the agents was even seen to throw some confetti.

QUENTIN LETTS

Jiang and Clinton in brief encounter

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

TODAY'S New York summit between President Clinton and President Jiang Zemin of China will last just one-and-a-half hours. This is a brief encounter for the leader of a country with which, according to Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary, "the United States has no more important relationship".

In Mr Clinton's nomination speech he referred to "the butchers of Beijing". Since then, Peking has correctly discerned Washington's hand behind the vote against China's applications to stage the 2000 Olympics and to join the World Trade Organisation, and noted Congress's admiration for Taiwan.

America says that Peking must stop selling nuclear technology to regimes it regards as outlaws. It also wants China to leave political dissidents alone, stop menacing Taiwan and Hong Kong, abandon the piracy of copyright and be kinder to Tibet.

China regards such demands as affronts to its sovereignty and its military is pressing Mr Jiang to warn off Mr Clinton.

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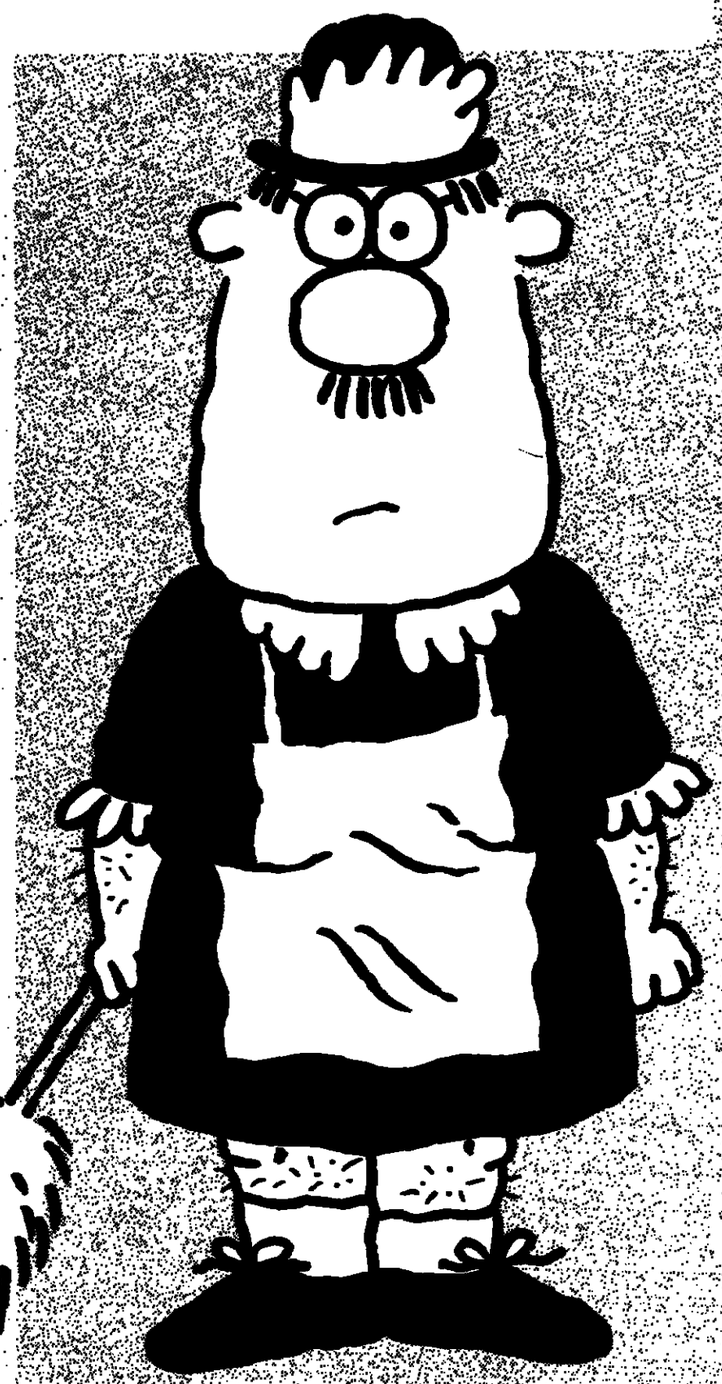
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Dr Thomas Stuttaford explains why doctors need to be alert to complaints of chest pain or unexplained indigestion

Ethnic variation in heart disease

ABOUT 25 years ago, driving to the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka to view their medical students' final examinations, we were repeatedly held up by funeral processions. My attention was drawn to the age of those who had died, for there was a disproportionate number of early middle-aged men.

My companion, the professor of cardiology at the university, suggested that many of the premature deaths would have been from coronary heart disease. Nobody who has seen these desolate groups of mourners would ever thereafter be likely to dismiss a complaint of chest pain, or unexplained indigestion, in an Asian patient.

In the early Seventies in Sri Lanka, too great a fondness for coconut oil was held responsible for the high death rate from cardiovascular disease; in other parts of the Indian sub-continent the liberal use of saturated fats, including ghee, in the diet was blamed. Everywhere on the sub-continent — and in Britain where the phenomenon of premature deaths from cardiovascular disease had been noticed in immigrants — their lack of exercise and obesity, particularly central obesity with an apple-like chest and abdomen and stick-like limbs, were thought to be the important factors.

A review of the present situation among Asian immigrants to Britain by Dr Sandeep Gupta, a British Heart Foundation research fellow at St George's Hospital, London, Dr Adam de Belder of the King's Healthcare Trust, and Dr Liam Hughes, a consultant cardiologist at the Norfolk and Norwich Healthcare Trust, is published in this week's *British Medical Journal*. In 1977 it was noticed that there was a 40 per cent excess incidence of coronary thrombosis among Asians



admitted to hospital in Leicester, and in 1989 a study showed that Gujarati Indian men had four times the risk of north European men and were younger at the time of their first attack. There is a similar disparity between the incidence of heart disease in Asian women and those of northern European stock. Other studies have confirmed these findings.

Any increased risk of heart disease cannot be wholly explained by racial differences in the total cholesterol concentration in the blood, high blood pressure or smoking. The biochemistry of the blood may, however, hold the clue. Analysis of the blood of people of Asian stock reveals that they tend to show increased levels of triglycerides (a fat), coupled with too little of the high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (the so-called good cholesterol) and too high a blood level of insulin in both fasting and non-fasting patients. Associated with this is a high incidence of non-insulin-dependent diabetes in the Asian community.

People of whatever race who have an unusual resistance to the biochemical effects of insulin are known to be coronary-prone. This disadvantage can be modified by choosing a diet which is much less rich in fat and refined carbohydrates.

The *BMJ* writers also suggest that it might be worthwhile to encourage Asian patients to take more regular exercise, and to be aware of their coronary heart disease risk, so that diagnosis may be made earlier.

It is difficult to discover how migration affects heart disease in those from the Indian sub-continent, as immigration is often associated with improved standards of living. There is a suggestion that Western life may potentiate it.

Highs and lows of an illness

Manic depressives do need drugs, but they can help themselves too, says psychologist **Ian Robertson**

PETER TREVNOR



Dr Christopher Manning: "I suffered terrible levels of agitation and I couldn't get the nursery rhyme 'Diddle Diddle Dumpling' out of my head, it just went round and round".

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"I've never had a high without the low to follow it," admits Dr Christopher Manning, a Middlesex GP and manic depression sufferer.

> 'I was always the life and soul of the party'

"My nickname at medical school was 'Manic Manning' and I always tended to be the life and soul of the party," he says. "But after these highs I would feel low and vulnerable."

While much less common than simple depression, manic depression can be even more disabling. According to the Manic Depression Fellowship one in seven people, if left untreated, will commit suicide.

It can run in families — the close relatives of sufferers having approximately a one-in-ten risk (or ten times the normal rate) of developing the illness themselves. Women are twice as likely to be sufferers. Victims have included the composer Schumann and the late Jeremy Brett, who played Sherlock Holmes.

The condition involves dramatic swings between moods of great elation during which the patient may embark on grandiose projects, often spending large sums of money, and moods of paralysing despair. The key to treatment lies in controlling these swings, both through drugs and self-management. This week the Fellowship is publishing a guide to self-management that has been approved by the Department of Health and the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The author is a sufferer himself, and it is based on his own and the experiences of others.

It is vital for patients to recognise their particular signs of imminent mood swings. According to the guide very few people go high or low overnight so they should have time to notice what is happening. The start of a low may be heralded by symptoms such as tiredness, poor concentration, changes of appetite, early waking with anxiety, loss of sex drive or hating yourself — while a high may be preceded by hyperactivity, rapid speech, feeling unusually happy, uninhibited sexual behaviour, overspending and talking fast.

After years of up and down moods, Dr Manning, who is married with three children, remembers clearly the moment in 1988 when something changed dramatically. He had been a GP for two years and was chatting to one of his receptionists, when he felt a pressure growing in his chest and the sensation as if his head was splitting apart. "It was like something had twanged inside me," he says. "I had a tremendous feeling of distance from everything around me. I went back into the surgery aware that something very important had happened."

A psychiatrist diagnosed depression, but despite taking antidepressants, Dr Manning still woke up early in the morning feeling tense and low. The tightness in his chest continued and he lost weight. But then his mood began to tilt the other way and frantic activity took over. "I suffered levels of agitation beyond all bounds — it was quite terrible," he remembers. "I could not get the nursery rhyme 'Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John' out of mind. It just went on and on," he recalls.

After a few months, with the help of a psychiatric nurse, Dr Manning returned to work on a combination of drugs to control his depression and his mood swings. "My nurse, Tony Murphy, kept me together during that time. He visited me twice a week. There was this terrible fear of madness."

Once early warning signs have been recognised the self-help guide underlines that they must be taken seriously. Whereas this probably won't be a problem when a patient is getting depressed, when a high is coming on he or she "may feel inclined to enjoy it". As Dr Manning says: "Except when you get that terrible brain-racing feeling, the highs can be wonderful." Indeed, he stopped taking lithium (the drug which is most commonly used to stabilise mood) because "it made me miss the good times".

"When I see patients who are on an upswing, I don't want to pull them down from it. But then the family comes in, and the first thing I see is that they look completely exhausted, and I realise why I have to do something."

Once signs of mood change have been recognised and taken seriously, the sufferer needs techniques to stop it spiralling out of control.

The guide is full of sensible suggestions — cut out stimulants such as coffee, take medication, try to keep a normal sleep pattern, avoid major decisions such as leaving a job, put a ceiling on your financial spending and actively calm yourself with whatever methods suit the individual.

Dr Manning says: "One of my methods is to say to myself: 'Slow down, boy' if I find I am beginning to zip about too much. Or I play a couple of slow and deliberate games of solitaire. If I find myself becoming depressed, I force myself to stick to my routines, to go through with things even if I don't feel like it, to activate myself."

He still takes antidepressants, though these had a toll. "I was slowed up, constipated, had a dry mouth and poor balance. I could only drive at 30 to 40 mph because otherwise everything came just to fast for me," he says. "The final straw came when I was driving up the M1 in the inside lane at 40mph in my Metro when a little old lady in a Range Rover pulling a trailer came up behind me and began flashing her lights to get me to move on. I decided I had to do something about the drugs I was on."

A change to one of the modern Prozac-type drugs got rid of these unpleasant side-effects, though Dr Manning still has to monitor his mood swings.

"I bought a £2,000 computer system last week," he says. "Other people spend that kind of money without having to justify it. But I have to ask myself 'is this me or is it the illness?'.

"I yearn for the balance which would mean I didn't have to ask that question."

● *Inside Out: a guide to self-management of manic depression is available from the Manic Depression Fellowship, 8-10 High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT1 1EY (£2 plus 50p postage). 0181-974 6550.*

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Tis Shakespeare at his best, I swear

Giles Coren on a collection of the rudest barbs from the Bard

Do you ever leave a room after an argument and realise, when it is too late, that what you should have said was, "You crusty botch of nature!" or, "Thou art damned, like an ill-roasted egg, all on one side!"?

It is a peculiarly British variation on the French *esprit d'escalier*. We do not suddenly think of the cleverest thing to say when we are halfway down the stairs, we think of the rudest. This need no longer afflict us. *Shakespeare's Insults* (Vermilion, £6.99), a compendium of deprecations from the 38 plays, compiled by American husband and wife team, Wayne Hill and Cynthia Ottichen, will revolutionise rudeness.

"Most shallow man!" you will tell the errant traffic warden. "Thou worms-meat in respect of a good piece of flesh": And newly articulate football fans will chastise Eric Cantona: "What a fool art thou, a ramping fool, to brag, and stamp, and swear."

The book has just been bought by Random House for about £200,000, after selling 60,000 copies in an edition published by the authors themselves, and is storming out of book shops. Indeed, an entire industry has been spawned in Bardic rudeness.

"We sold the book because it was getting to be too much for the two of us, and a nice lump sum would allow us to get on with our work," says Mr Hill, who has taken a year off from his doctoral thesis on Dante at Queens' College, Cambridge, to "wrap this thing up". His wife is an architect whom he met while they were undergraduates at the University of San Francisco.

Mr Hill is in London to negotiate another Shakespeare-related deal. "We have kept control of other sides of the business," he explains, "such as the magnetic *Wit Kit*, which is being well." He produces a small plastic box containing 400 magnetic words, with which you can make your own Bardic exclamations. Suburban refrigerators will never be the same again. Instead of children's coloured letters and *Peanuts* characters, shopping lists will be pinned to doors with "preposterous clotpoll scab" and "irksome strumpet".

ANDRE CAMARA



Wayne Hill: found 10,000 insults

The book is broken down into particular areas of name-calling: "General Abuse", "Knavery and Villainy", and "Expletives". There is also a section on "Ready Insults For Particular Occasions".

And then there are selections from each play in turn, from famous digs such as "frailty thy name is woman" to catch-all cusses such as "A pox o' your throat, you bawling, blasphemous, incharitable dog!"

Here you can rummage for insults to inform your wit before an anticipated confrontation. You may find cause to say of a former lover, "This woman's an easy glove, my lord; she goes off and on at pleasure". Or you may suggest to Michael Portillo a line for his next conference address: "France is a dog-hole."

"We had the idea one night in Cambridge," Mr Hill says. "We had been to a performance of *Twelfth Night*, which is full of abuse, and we found ourselves cursing each other on the way home in a kind of mock-Shakespeareian language. When we got home we took out the complete works and went through it underlining the insults."

They found more than 10,000, 5,000 of which they distilled into the final draft. "We contacted a local printer, made up a cover, and began to hawk it round the bookshops. Now, with the main business sold off, we are concentrating on the teaching side of the project."

There is a kit for teachers which suggests tasks for students involving insults from Shakespeare. "The language was always seen as the difficult part of Shakespeare, the barrier which made him inaccessible to kids. But, by getting them involved in the wonders of the language like this, they can be drawn into the plays through the words. I have heard of children chasing each other round the playground shouting 'Thou disease of a friend'."

Thus, with luck, we will breed a new race of adults who, instead of raising a cursing finger in their rear-view mirror, and hurling four-letter obscenities from their car windows when you presume to overtake, will cry instead: "Thou art a boil, a plague-sore, or embossed carbuncle in my corrupted blood."

For the world is ever full of venom. But, with a little help from Shakespeare, it need not always make that world an uglier place.

After another riding tragedy, **Walter Ellis** reports on the perils of the jumps

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After a fall, jockeys risk being cut to pieces by the hooves of oncoming horses, and an essential skill in a champion is to get out of the way fast

The thrills and spills

Deaths in boxing, although rare in fact, have come to seem almost a commonplace in recent years. Each time a boxer dies in the ring, his brain beaten senseless by an opponent's fist, the cry goes up to ban the sport.

Oddly, no such liberal imprecations have ever been issued over showjumping or National Hunt racing — except of course in respect of alleged cruelty to horses. But, as witnessed last weekend, any sport involving animals weighing half a ton or more is inherently dangerous, and possibly deadly.

William Shand Kydd, brother-in-law of the missing Lord Lucan and former brother-in-law of Mrs Frances Shand Kydd, mother of the Princess of Wales, was engaged in the arcane pursuit of team chasing on Sunday when his mount fell, pinning its rider beneath him, causing serious injury.

In the summer, Christopher Reeve, the actor who played Superman, was thrown from his horse while hunting and is now paralysed.

Both Shand Kydd and Reeve are known as fearless, if not reckless, horsemen, but the fact is that it could happen to anyone.

What is surprising, in the circumstances, is not how many injuries there are, but how few. In 1993, the last year for which official figures are available, just five male and seven female riders were killed while riding in the UK. This is out of a total of 3.3 million regular participants, a ratio of 1:278,000.

Emma Jane Mack, one of Britain's leading showjumpers and winner of this year's Windsor Ladies championship, says that if she thought what she was doing was dangerous, she wouldn't do it.

"Friends of mine have taken tumbles over the years — breaking arms and collarbones and so on, nothing too serious. I am always careful. I would never accept a horse I didn't trust. But if we worked on the basis that this was a dangerous sport in which we were likely to be killed, that would be an end to it."

Round the country, a similar ethos prevails. Much of the pleasure is derived from the fact that those taking part are doing something totally divorced from their everyday lives.

Knowing what to do is obviously useful, but not universal — which is where the greatest risk factor comes in. National Hunt jockeys have nerves of steel. It is not just the horses who suffer over the jumps. After a fall, jockeys risk being cut to pieces by the flying hooves of oncoming steeds and one of the essential skills of a champion is getting out of the way of danger fast, avoiding stricken rivals.

Dr Michael Turner, chief medical adviser to the Jockey Club, notes that National Hunt jockeys suffer a fall in one out of every 14 races, compared with one in every 350 or so in flat racing. Yet the last jockey to be killed in the UK was Steve Wood, on the flat, at Lingfield last year.

For ordinary horsemen and women, typical injuries are the same as for the professionals, but proportionately more frequent: serious bruising to the arms and legs, broken collarbones, crushed or fractured pelvises.

Andrew Finding, secretary general of the British Showjumping Association, who attended Sunday's team chase event at which Shand Kydd was injured, equates top level horsemanship with mountaineering: "The challenge is part of the excitement."

He is convinced, however, that the risks are reasonable. "As long as there has been acceptable course construction and proper medical support, there is no reason why people should not continue to enjoy their sport."

This is surely right. Christopher Reeve, crippled in his wheelchair, regrets bitterly what has happened to him, but there is little doubt that, given the chance, he would quickly be back on his horse.

The pressure to pay alimony to a wife, just because she has been a wife, should be dropped

Why women want equality, not supremacy



NIGELLA LAWSON

I HAVE ALWAYS hated the term "sex war", or as it was more jocularly called back in the Seventies, the battle of the sexes. It seems to me extraordinarily unhelpful to couch feminist demands for a fairer society in terms of men-hating hostility. The idea surely is equality: not to gain supremacy over men. I don't say feminism has always been innocent in this regard, but on the whole it seems to be men who believe that anything that serves women's rights must take away from men's.

Take the reaction to the proposed Bill to allow unmarried women the same rights to their partner's property as have traditionally been accorded to wives. In the first instance, I admit, the victim of this dastardly plot is held up to be marriage. I have limited sympathy with this: if marriage is so vulnerable an institution that it can be dissolved by such measures, then nothing is going to save it. If one believes God — with all that entails — exists, then one cannot at the same time believe he needs men's laws to protect him.

But marriage is being threatened, and who is the culprit? Woman. For underlying these criticisms of the proposed Bill is the paranoid fear that giving women rights to the property of men to whom they are not married is a vile attack on the male sex, an instance of the Government's craven acquiescence to political correctness, militant feminists and male-hating powermongers. Well, I don't quite see it myself.

For one thing, if two people live together, both contributing to the upkeep of a house, I don't see why it is wrong to take that joint financial effort into consideration. I must say, though, that I think it is pretty foolish for any person to contribute to the rent or a mortgage for any length of time on an unofficial basis. But people trust those they love, and presume love them back, and they don't foresee the day when the comfortable, trusting arrangement turns in to the worst sort of backstabbing, financial wrangling. Perhaps it's time they got wise.

Still, the notion that women think of men as a meal-ticket for life, even easier to get their claws into now they no longer have to drag them down the aisle, is quite fabulously wide of the mark. Only 3.4 per cent of households have men as the sole earner in them; and this figure is for when there are children involved. Men are no longer the breadwinners and providers of homes: and they seem to be having difficulties coming to terms with this.

They are not the only ones: right as it is not to treat unmarried people unjustly, it is as wrong to continue to insist, legally, that a woman must be a man's financial responsibility. If a couple split up, whether they be married or not, why should the man have to give money to the woman, over and above the distribution of financial benefits accrued jointly? Where there are children concerned it is a different matter. Nick Faldo evidently feels his wife and children deserve half his fortune, and I wouldn't gainsay that. But the obligation to pay alimony to a wife, just because she has been a wife, should be dropped.

IT IS HIDEOUSLY unfair, and unhelpful to women even as it rewards them: we can put bread in our mouths, roofs over our own heads; it is injurious to all parties to pretend it is otherwise. Children are dependants; women are not. What we need to do is abolish this inequality, not spread it out as if more fairly across the board. When someone has a just claim, that claim must be heard; but the marriage certificate is irrelevant. It is a great mistake to confuse justice with status. Change the law by all mean, but change it both ways.

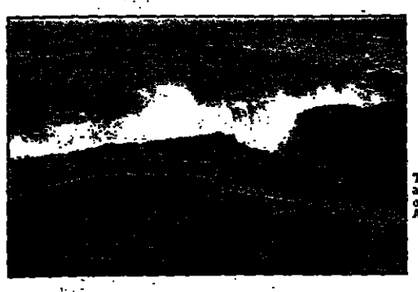
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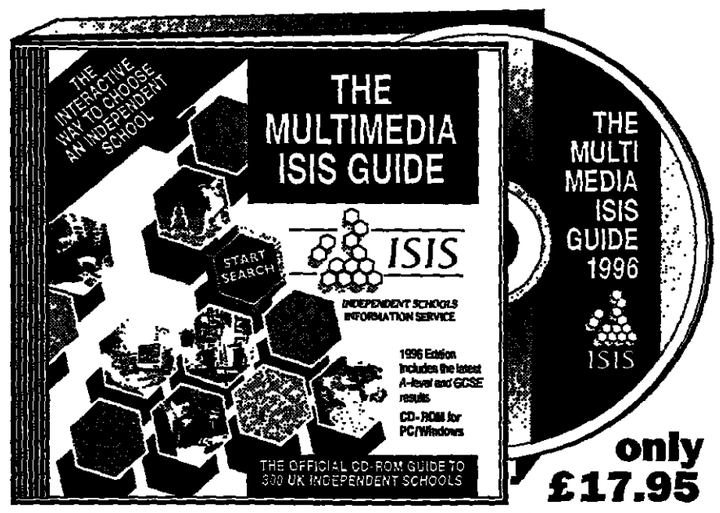
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Making a scandal out of a scare

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh says the Pill problem had to be publicised

The Committee on Safety of Medicines has been much criticised for issuing 190,000 premature and unnecessarily alarmist letters asking GPs and pharmacists urgently to review the contraceptive prescriptions of 1.5 million British women. In a formal complaint, the British Medical Association has accused the Department of Health (which acted entirely on the committee's advice) of creating an epidemic of anxiety among pill-takers, and of conducting a shameful and thinly veiled exercise in cost-cutting.

But consider a hypothetical opposite case. Imagine that the committee has come across unexpected evidence which strongly suggests that seven of the leading brands of oral contraceptive are associated with a doubling of the risk of potentially fatal complications. The evidence is scientifically robust and consistent in the 17 countries studied. At least five women in Britain have already died of these drug-related complications, despite being young and healthy, with no known additional risk factors. The complications are very rare, but the large number of women still taking these drugs means it is possible that others will die. Effective, affordable and less dangerous alternatives are already on the market. The committee decides to watch and wait, and the Government agrees to commission a new report (which could be six months in preparation) before sending out secret letters to all doctors a month before informing the patients.

As this alternative shows, last week's so-called fiasco is exactly what consumer pressure groups have been demanding of the committee since its inception 25 years ago.

Until relatively recently, it was considered inevitable that there would be a substantial delay between the committee declaring a medicinal drug dangerous and the implementation of measures to reduce its unnecessary consumption. But the public, whenever it got to hear of such delays, was rightly outraged.

It has long been argued by pressure groups that the cocoon of secrecy enjoyed by both the Medicines Control Agency (which grants licences for new drugs) and the Committee on the Safety of Medicines (which reviews the safety of products already on the market) is not only unnecessary but potentially harmful, and would be illegal in countries such as the United States which have comprehensive freedom of information laws.

The latest information about third-generation combined oral contraceptives should be in the public domain, not in the locked drawers of senior doctors and politicians.

Last week's impulsive letter to doctors and pharmacists (issued only hours after analysis of the data was complete), the hurried and hamfisted press conferences and the multiple television appearances of a bewildered and exhausted Professor Michael Rawlins (the current chairman) all represented indelicate but entirely laudable attempts to operate in a new culture of openness.

So was the letter alarmist? Did it, after its inevitable leak to the press, create an epidemic of anxiety? The women I have seen and advised over the past five days have certainly not been hysterical. They simply wanted my help in converting the warning, which was couched in general terms, into a decision about their personal contraceptive choices. Most of them spent less than three minutes in my surgery or on the phone to me. Dealing with problems like this is exactly what I and my fellow GPs are paid for.

Research has shown that most doctors repeatedly overestimate the benefits and underestimate the risks of the drugs they prescribe: and they also overestimate patients' willingness to expose themselves to these risks.

The decision to put a woman on the Pill requires complex epidemiological evidence to be interpreted in the context of her personal circumstances and priorities. The doctor's role is to supply accurate and up-to-date information in a language which the woman can understand, but the final decision should and must rest with the woman herself. Over the past few days, women taking the Pill have needed more information, not less.

> This research is for the public, not just doctors

It is not scandalous that a letter was released last week, or that the Government listened well to its professional advisers. But it is scandalous that many doctors seem to be making light of the increased risk associated with these drugs; it is scandalous that the British Medical Association persists in playing God and calling for the withholding of information from patients "for their own good"; and finally it is scandalous that the editors of medical journals to which the research has been submitted have apparently not given priority to its publication.

In my opinion, the action taken was commendably swift and consistent with the principles listed in the Patients' Charter, to offer the best available medical care promptly and equitably, and to support patients in making informed choices about their treatment options.

So what lessons can the committee learn for next time? First, the reaction of the media to such a sensitive issue could have been anticipated, and a more informative and comprehensive press pack should have been prepared. Secondly, information that appears to be of purely scientific interest will be taken up and used for the commercial and political motives of a host of vested interests. And finally, if it continues its new policy of laying its cards on the table before press and public, the committee should expect no support from the rank and file of the British Medical Association.



The Lottery lottery

There must be more equitable ways to distribute these windfalls

Libby Purves

In a lifelong personal effort not to become a sour old besom, I fight very hard against *Schadenfreude* and its complement, Saki's "natural displeasure at the good fortune of a friend". Accordingly I am, believe me, happy for the Liverpool Accessible Sensory Environment Resource. Likewise I rejoice with Mencap and Sadler's Wells, with the Eritrean Refugee Advice Centre and the RNIB. I look forward with optimistic eagerness to the Pro Corda music school's staff lavatories, Leiston brass band's new instruments, and whatever the "Earth Centre" is going to turn out to be. And what could be nicer than to know that the chimney of the Alderburgh Cinema need no longer emit smoke through the sides as well as the top?

It has, perhaps, been a bit harder to maintain a happy smile when contemplating the Royal Opera House's plans for a Center-Parc-style shopping arcade in its foyer; and even more of an effort to be thrilled about the Churchill papers. But fie to prejudice: these are Good Causes, carefully chosen by panels of our betters. Aren't they?

All the same, I am getting rattled about the distribution of the Lottery proceeds. I have nightmares about some vast, out-of-control pot of Maundy money being scattered by the White Queen ("Off with his head! No, give him £8 million!") In the scramble, charity is set against charity, cricket club against brass band, museum against museum. A new mood is appearing: no doubt some catchpenny sociologist is now studying "lottery dependency culture"; referring not to be pallid creatures scratching outside newsagents, but to those who run charities, arts and heritage organisations.

The trouble is that, as any traveller in poor countries knows, nothing tears up a community faster than the arrival of a golden goose. Take an indigent village, add a rich Westerner thinking to do good by employing a couple of local girls and a lad: within a month, the village is riven by feuds between the mothers of those on the payroll and the mothers of those not chosen. Rumer Godden's best novel, *Kingfishers Catch Fire*, follows this process. Her dippy heroine tries to do good to a dirt-poor Kashmiri village, and causes only strife as families fight for influence. They hiss: "'Look at the bandage she put on Mamdhoo's baby" . . . in village opinion it was worth more than the baby itself."

Or again, take the shameful stories from Romania during the peak of the amateur relief efforts: toys bought for orphans were sold on for profit, altercations arose over the deserts of gypsies. Wise travellers do not scatter benevolence according to ignorant caprice: they give their present, whether money or colouring pencils, to the local priest or schoolmaster. That way, it is shared fairly, or, at least, according to the local idea of fairness.

It does not take much imagination to transfer that wisdom to the lottery grant system, and to see that we have not followed it. We are becoming a nation of supplicants and wheedlers, from senior Establishment figures lobbying in private to baffled volunteers struggling with forms, uncertain whether they are heritage or millennium, sport or charity. We all queue up cap in hand, panhandling to a set of unelected trustees: to Lord Rothschild and Peter Gummer, to David Sieff, the Sports Council chairmen and the millennium gang. They are good, conscientious people, making honourable impossible choices: under them, a growing Civil Service slips envelopes and sifts appeals according to hastily cobbled up rules. Frustration and confusion mount: the obsession with large building projects, for instance, has foiled many outfits which wanted a small grant, or the funding of one vital salary, or something that the good trustees do not quite understand, such as a canal boat.

What is alarming about this supplicant society is that the queuers and wheedlers were until recently exemplars of robust independence. Certainly, they knew how to screw money out of commercial sponsors, and how to raise funds from the public. But there is a difference between that and going to a board, like Oliver Twist. It is unseemly. The attractive thing about British charity work is that it represents democracy in action. Individuals say: "We need a scanner for the hospital!" or "The children's orchestra must survive!" or "Those people must not starve!" — so they give their money and know that they made it happen. In times of disillusion with central government (and it is, as Simon Jenkins so skilfully and so often points out, becoming more central every day), charity is a safety-valve. One of the reasons I venerate the RNLI is the sheer pleasure of knowing that off these shores every week people are saved from death not by a nanny state, but because thousands of people are moved by pure humanity to give time and money to the lifeboats.

This exhilarating aspect of charity is being eroded by the Lottery. The grants create expectation and disappointment, anger and envy. It is not just media mischief: charities themselves are sniping at one another, struggling to prove that, say, cancer research is more worthy than Eritrean benefit claimants, or mental handicap than sales training. On a local level, people say "Why should we do the teas? They're getting £50,000 from the Lottery." Local rivalry is intense; undue influence is (probably wrongly) suspected: the bowls club resents the cricket pavilion, the hospice hates the mother-and-toddler centre, and the vintage car museum can barely contain its irritation with its former friends at the puppet theatre.

And all these decisions are being made by boards: boards appointed by a Government which then piously explains that it absolutely must "stand back" from their decision. Why? If my pet project has been binned, why may I not complain to Mrs Bottomley? We elected her. Why are unelected appointees sacred? Where's the democracy in that?

Nobody really believed that the Lottery would be so significant. Now that we discover what a nation of desperate gamblers we are, it behoves us to consider more carefully what to do with the money. Whoever called it a "tax on hope" was not far off; and nobody likes taxation without representation.

So, how could we do it better? How do you give the lottery money back democratically, without disrupting the delicate nepotisms of effort and reward and community? The most logical and administratively cheap thing to do, from the point of view of a Martian visitor, would be to sling the money into the Exchequer, whence are duly elected Government could dispense it in the public interest as it does our taxes. Oh, all right — sorry I even mentioned it. A Martian couldn't be expected to understand how we feel about the Government.

Another option: give the lottery proceeds to local authorities large and small. Tell them to give it to good local causes. After all, there was a time when it was the council which gave grants to brass bands, hospices, football teams, museums and so on, and councils are elected. Don't trust them? Well, another solution: split the arts and heritage money among all the museums, theatre groups and so forth which care to register. Divide proportionally, according to how many visitors or audience members they attracted last year (perhaps with a mechanism to disadvantage those with large endowments). On this reckoning, some will receive cheques for 54p, others for tens of thousands. But popularity will be the key: the Royal Opera House would have to earn its money by putting more effort into education and its wonderful (but very rare) community weekends of participation. Whereas my own beloved National Maritime Museum, which perennially swarms with happy schoolchildren, would do very nicely.

And the charities? Again divide it up. Ask only one question: How much did you raise by your own efforts last year? The lottery money could then match that, pound for pound (or maybe 5p to the pound). The money would be handed over without any need for deliberation by a distant élite. Anybody raising £1,000 for spinal research would know that they were effectively raising proportionally more. Effort would be rewarded.

Any more suggestions? One letter to this paper yesterday suggested that we go the opposite way: instead of struggling for absolute fairness, why not have honestly random unfairness? Make them all draw lots for it, the writer said. He and I are not so far apart. It is the middle way, the weasel way, which does the damage.

Kingsley's rightward journey

Woodrow Wyatt remembers Amis on politics

Just 19 when he went to Oxford in the spring of 1941, Kingsley Amis joined the Communist Party. "Belonging . . . involved girls, not very nice looking ones though, most of them . . . but it also meant . . . trying to read Marx, Lenin . . . going to 'study groups' . . . speaking at meetings, on balance a poor return for having, in this most banal of ways, rebelled against my father."

Dislike of my own father's narrow outlook was also a factor in propelling me into the Labour Party, where I was once somewhat on the left. It was almost normal then — I was four years older than Kingsley — for young political animals like us to act thus, what with the appeasement of Hitler and the harsh treatment of the pre-war unemployed.

Kingsley's time at Oxford was broken by war service in the Signals. In the mess, the bovine colonel amused himself and his fellow officers with remarks to Kingsley like "I expect a communist like you must be jolly glad to think of your old friend Uncle Joe Stalin taking over Poland and Czechoslovakia and all those other places we went to war for". He would reply: "All those places will be allowed to have proper democratic elections, sir", to be met with: "And you're still really a big enough fool to believe that, are you, Oxford degree and the rest of it?" Kingsley conceded that he was.

Lucky Jim's hilarious onslaughts on authority were a political expression. Kingsley was fairly soon cured of communism, put off by its dishonesty and its infiltration of the Labour Party and the unions, duping simpletons into becoming its tools. But he continued to vote Labour, satisfied that Attlee's Government had made a decisive and permanent shift to fairness. He was still a supporter when Gaitskell was Labour's leader, though his admiration for Tony Crosland was somewhat diminished at a party Tony gave at his Kensington flat.

Kingsley came with some jazz gramophone records. After a while, Tony started taking them off, putting another one on arbitrarily, taking it off a quarter of the way through and reaching for another. Kingsley protested vehemently: "Leave them alone. They're my records." "I don't give a f—. It's my gramophone. I'm putting them on, not you." The brilliant economist and the distinguished writer, both drunk, fought like children over their toys, punching and rolling on the floor.

It was the advent of Harold Wilson, allowing Labour to lurch ever leftwards, which set off alarms for Kingsley. He spoke to a Conservative Political Centre summer school in Oxford in July 1968. He later wrote: "In July 1964, I voted Labour for the last time . . . . and I voted Conservative for the first time in the 1967 GLC elections . . . So why had I crossed the floor? . . . . A question worth answering, considering how many writers and such since Wordsworth have made a similar rightward journey. The reason why prominent Leftists . . . go on opposing the system long after having got on pretty well by most standards is perhaps threefold. First of all, political habit dies hard — and it has in my case, though it has died. Secondly, success is always relative: the controversial poet gets bad reviews from the pundits, the popular actress (especially her) finds . . . an even more appreciative audience at political rallies. Thirdly, an increasing bitterness develops as the system, having been repeatedly shouted at to pull itself together, chugs on much as before."

Kingsley was repelled by "Hampstead Authoritarianism" and the levelling of the best in education to a vast plateau of mediocrity. "More is worse" was his slogan. In 1979 he saw a kindred spirit in Margaret Thatcher. He was excited by her assaults on the stuffy, and her reawakening of England to a sense of purpose in the future, which had been lost in the dreary days of Eden, Macmillan, Wilson and Callaghan.

At a lunch at my house in May, Kingsley was cheerful. He knew a lot about wine and drink, perhaps too much. I was flattered that in his book *On Drink* he recommended "Woodrow Wyatt's Instant Whiskey Collins — as much bourbon whiskey as you fancy, 1/2 standard split-size bitter lemon drink, 1 maraschino cherry, ice cubes". This day he drank his usual whisky and water, making me fear he would destroy his palate's ability to taste the rather good and old wines I had produced.

He lamented the departure of Margaret Thatcher, but unlike Paul Johnson, Hugh Trevor-Roper (Lord Dacre) and Peregrine Worsthorne, also present, he staunchly supported me in backing John Major to win the next election. He thought Major was still 4-6 on to win again. "At the moment people are quite ready to say they'll vote against the Government, but when it comes to it, they'll think, never mind what else said before, this is serious, so come on, Doris, we'll vote as we always have."

Kingsley was convinced that a Blair victory would return Britain to the defeatism and self-denigration of the pre-Thatcher years. He was a passionate political animal to the last.

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Royal rubbish

THE Prince of Wales is involved in a messy row over household waste. The trouble centres on his showpiece village, Poundbury in Dorset, and his insistence that the dustmen collect rubbish from the back of houses, not the front.

The village is the Prince's vision of a perfect community, an environmentally friendly rural idyll just outside Dorchester. But it has been criticised for the high cost of properties, which were slow to sell, and a lack of facilities, especially for young people.

Its vernacular-style village homes were designed to ensure that unsightly rubbish-bags would not be left on the pavement, and collections could be made at the rear of the houses. But it transpires that the service areas for bin lorries are too small.

"We have suggested the council use a smaller dustcart," says a spokesman for the Duchy of Cornwall, which built the village. "The estate was deliberately designed to dispense with unsightly rows of dustbins being left on the pavement in front of houses, and the present arrangements are unsatisfactory for the residents." But a spokesman for West Dorset District Council suggests the Prince is over-anxious. "We have had no adverse comments from the people who live there. Collecting from the front serves the rest of West Dorset without a problem so it should be good enough for Poundbury."

● *A gushing little review of* Outside Days: More Adventures With Rod and Gun *appeared in London's* Evening Standard *yesterday. The author's "even-handed consideration is as welcome as the first run of fish in the spring," bubbled the reviewer. The book "is written with all the enthusiasm and tenderness that passion will inspire." It also happens to be written by Max Hastings, who soon arrives at the* Standard *as its Editor.*



"I hate the way the Germans get to the finishing line first"

DIARY

One's game

AFTER the Queen was hit and injured last month by a grouse plummetting from the sky, I wrote of a comparable incident, when a hare was killed by a falling pheasant.

Now another unlikely tale has emerged. Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, the High Court judge and chief of the Clan Macpherson, watched his father shoot a bird high on a hill in Perthshire during the war. "I watched it fall down the line, for at least 150 yards," he recalls. "My cousin Elizabeth Rose, who became chief of Clan Rose, was walking at the bottom of the line, carrying fishing tackle for use later on. She saw the bird falling and simply stretched out the landing net and caught the dead grouse in the net. My advice to Her Majesty is therefore always to carry a net while out shooting and never to look down."

● *Thursday's retirement party for Judge Stephen Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, should go like a bomb. Both the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and Derek Lewis, the man he sacked as Director-General of the Prison Service, have accepted. Who will escape first?*

Green vote

PRIME MINISTER'S Question Time will make way for *Gardeners' Question Time* in December, when the programme will be recorded in the House of Commons for the first time. Trowel-wielding MPs have founded an all-party gardening club, and some 200 parliamentarians will be jostling to put earthy questions to the BBC's radio panel of horticultural experts.



The Eagle twins: are they by any chance related?

Loudest among the braying pack is likely to be Glenda Jackson, MP for Hampstead and Highgate. Like the Prince of Wales, she likes nothing better than pulling on her wellies and grubbing about her borders, talking to the plants. "She likes to have a good shout at them," says her secretary. "She shouts, 'Grow you little buggers, grow.'"

MP, MP

THE PROSPECT looms of the first set of twins with seats in Parliament. Maria Eagle, twin sister of Wallasey's MP Angela Eagle, has been selected for Liverpool Garston (Labour majority 12,000).

Angela won her Merseyside seat in 1992, when Maria, a solicitor, was an unsuccessful candidate in Crosby. But with the Tories' lacklustre performance in the polls and her new seat being a Labour stronghold, her chances of becoming an MP are stronger than ever.

The twins have shared interests from an early age: both were child chess prodigies, both played women's cricket for Lancashire and both went to Oxford University. "We have been interested in politics since we were four," says Maria, the younger twin by 15 minutes. "When my hair's straight we look even more alike. We will have to dress differently if I get in — or wear badges."

THE CENTRE CAN HOLD

But the emasculation of local democracy is dangerous

If John Major decides to force all schools to become self-governing, he might as well change their appellation too. Far from being "opted-out", they would better be called "forced-out". Such a move would run quite counter to traditional Tory ideas of parental choice, of persuasion rather than coercion. Worst of all it would strip local government of almost all the powers that remain to it.

Our columnist Simon Jenkins would doubtless enjoy the irony that the news of these proposals should break the day before his new book was published. *Accountable to None: The Tory Nationalization of Britain* is a trenchant account of the steady agglomeration of power towards the centre that has taken place in the past 16 years. Whether on education, the health service, the law, local government finance, the railways or even the lottery, Mr Jenkins finds hardly any area of British public life that has not suffered from this centripetal tendency.

Sometimes the forces at work are in opposite directions at once. Self-governing schools give more influence to parents; yet they are funded directly by Whitehall. Council house sales have liberated their owners from local authority landlords; yet the clause that allowed central government to force the councils to sell was described by Lord Denning as "a most coercive power ... that enables central government to interfere with a high hand over local authorities". What emerges most clearly from this book is a determination to exclude local councillors from the political process. Unaccountable quangos have taken the place of elected bodies, and have been packed with businessmen: "a code for 'Tory supporter' that became a standing joke in Whitehall", according to Mr Jenkins.

It is easy to see why politicians, when they move from opposition to government, become less keen on decentralisation. However much they might call for subsidiarity from Brussels, they are reluctant to concede it at home. Margaret Thatcher felt increasingly frustrated by Labour local authorities. The seven metropolitan counties she simply abolished. According to Norman Tebbit, the Greater London Council had to go because it was "left-wing, high-spending and at odds with the Government's view of the world".

Supporters of the Government's actions would argue, with some justification, that each of its centralising moves allowed much-needed reforms to take place which would otherwise have been obstructed. Local government in Britain, particularly in the inner cities, was far less effective and more damagingly ideological in the 1980s than on the Continent or in America. But the question remains whether stripping it of its powers was an appropriate response.

Local government could have been revitalised had the Government wanted it to be so. Elected mayors, yearly elections and referendums on the level of local taxation could all have improved the performance and accountability of councils. Instead, no fewer than 144 Acts of Parliament were passed to change the structure and reduce the powers of local government. Most of that power has been seized by the centre.

Such intolerance of political pluralism is an ugly feature of this administration. And the structures that have been put in place could prove positively dangerous under a different one. Margaret Thatcher thought that, by giving herself more power, she could curb the socialist aspirations of local politicians. But she put in place the means by which a socialist central government could abuse those powers itself. This book should be required reading not just for students of the British political scene, but for its players too. Labour politicians in particular should plan now to restore powers to local government before the temptations of office become too great.

TUG OF LAW

Britain takes stock of the European Court of Justice

When the inter-governmental conference for the reform of the European Union cranks into motion next year, the European Court of Justice should receive attention from governments which believe that it is in need of reform. They include Britain, whose concerns with the flaws of the court will be expressed over the next two days by David Davis, the Minister for European Affairs.

Mr Davis's discussion paper, to be presented in Brussels at a meeting of the EU's Reflection Group, will focus on two areas of compelling concern. These are, first, the generally retroactive effect of its rulings and, secondly, the sweeping principle from the 1991 *Francovich case* — in which the court established that member states were liable in damages to citizens who suffered because of a failure to implement EU directives. Read together, these concerns will lead to disquieting results: a mushrooming of claims for compensation against governments, in Britain as much as in other EU countries, is sure to result if action is not taken to limit the potential retroactive mischief of *Francovich*.

Unlike the EU's administrative and legislative measures, which are always prospective, the court's judgments are retrospective. The argument for this distinction — that the court is merely stating the law as it always was, not making new law — is undermined by the enormous potential liability which governments now face as a result of *Francovich*. There, Italy failed entirely to implement a directive: damages were awarded to a citizen whose rights were affected by this omission. But what happens when a state does adopt legislation to implement a directive, only to find in a later ruling by the court that its domestic law had not given full effect to the terms of that directive?

In the learned view of Sir Patrick Neill, QC, that case "introduced a novel and far-reaching principle", which nowhere has support in the texts of the various EU treaties. And what made the court's activism still harder to swallow was its refusal to place a time-limit in the past on this new, judge-made cause of action for damages.

There have been other examples of judgments which confirm Sir Patrick's view that the court has a mission — that of strengthening the EU's federal tendencies: "A court with a mission is not an orthodox court. It is potentially a dangerous court, the danger being that inherent in uncontrollable judicial power." In the 1990 *Marleasing* case, it ruled startlingly that earlier national legislation should be interpreted in the light of later unimplemented directives. No appeal, at present, lies against a ruling of this sort, and the IGC would do well to address that glaring loophole.

A proposal, which has been espoused by John Redwood among others, is that the Council of Ministers should be given the right to revise, dilute or reverse a ruling by the court. This putative check on the activism of the court attracts increasing support in Britain. Inevitable questions will be raised: would this not subvert the rule of law? Yet the court would do well to remain faithful to the rule of law, too. It strays too often from the texts of those treaties which have empowered it, and which it has the task to interpret and apply. If a new balance now needs to be struck, it is because the old one was upset by the judges themselves.

LITTLE WINNERS

Recognition and help for Britain's sturdy local volunteers

Who would be a Lottery Fairy? When £30 million went to Sadler's Wells last week, the poor were said to be paying for "middle-class pleasures". Yesterday it was the turn of the National Lottery Charities Board to take brickbats of a different kind. The Left grumbles that in singling out disadvantaged people, the lottery is doing the welfare state's job — hardly plausible, when £40 million is set against a health and education budget of £75 billion. The tabloids growl that decent people will be "angry" that money is going to alcoholics, drug addicts and single mums. The Board is roasted by The Mail on Sunday for neglecting "famous" charities in favour of "organisations that we have never heard of".

Admittedly, there are teething troubles. Anything novel needs money to set up shop, but £6 million seems a lot to have spent before making the first grants. Scotland scooped nearly 44 per cent of yesterday's £40 million jackpot for the good reason that its regional award-granting body proved vastly more efficient at identifying recipients than the nine English ones. But what has made selection difficult is also what makes yesterday's awards worth a wait.

No fewer than 15,000 applications have come in, three times as many as those to the other four lottery quangos put together. The Charities Board deliberately set out both to cast its manna wide, and to concentrate on unglamorous, unspectacular small charities. Such a strategy required time: it would properly have been subject to severe censure had it failed to vet applications thoroughly. That is why it was right, too, to take the selection of "little winners" closer to the grass roots. Above all, although such well-known charities as Mencap, Age Concern and Cancer Research do figure among the 627 recipients, the board was right to reach out to the myriad of voluntary efforts that cannot hope to make the big fundraising league.

In such a long list, there will be something to raise all types of eyebrow: "multicultural and equal opportunities toys, costumes and instruments" might seem to some people to smack of disease rather than cure. Mock not: the Phoenix Toy Library may be much valued by its own community. The appeal of Pennywell's project to give its young people "something to be part of" seems irresistible; but what on earth does it mean?

Stand back from the trees, and what appears is something everybody should praise: an emphasis on enhancing self-reliance, whether it be the ability of the old, infirm or disabled to live more independent lives or help for young glue-sniffers to overcome addiction or for socially isolated Chinese women in Gloucestershire to play a fuller part in their community. The £162 million to be spent this year comes to a mere 1 per cent of the income of the voluntary sector in this country. Adam Smith viewed lotteries as "a tax on all the fools in Creation". But without a jackpot to play for, we spend £16.2 billion on helping our neighbour. We may be fools, but we value our "little platoons" more than we think.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Home care denied to the disabled

From Mr Alfred Morris, MP for Manchester Wythenshawe (Labour and Co-Operative)

Sir, A parliamentary debate on October 19 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of royal assent to my Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Bill emphasised again the concern on both sides of the Commons that disabled people must not be denied services to which they are entitled by law under Section 2 of the Act.

Yet some local authorities are failing to meet their statutory obligations. In the case of Gloucestershire County Council, for example, the High Court ruled that, because it had not reassessed service-users individually, the council had unlawfully withdrawn home-care services provided for under Section 2 (report, June 17).

That judgment was expected to lead the council to restore the withdrawn services and to carry out a reassessment before determining whether they were still needed. Instead, the council wrote to 1,240 service-users stating that they would have to request a reassessment *before* services would be restored. It appears that only 230 people had requested a reassessment.

The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (Radar) is deserving of wide support for now challenging what, under the legal advice given to me when I was Minister for the Disabled (1974-79), seems plainly unlawful.

My advice was that to withdraw a service provided under the Act, without any diminution of need, is plainly incompatible with the statutory duties the Act imposes. But that is what has happened to more than 1,000 disabled people in the case of the council which RADAR is challenging.

The disability organisations fully understand — as I do — the difficulties of councils now complaining that community care is seriously underfunded by the Government; but we are not prepared to see disabled people lose hard-won rights so essential to independent living.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED MORRIS,
House of Commons.
October 23.

Shadow appointment

From Mr Tom Clarke, MP for Monklands West (Labour)

Sir, Your readers may be sorry to learn that, far from my recent meeting with Tony Blair being "acrimonious", as you report on October 20, not a word of acrimony was exchanged between us over the appointments to the Shadow Cabinet.

I left my discussion with Tony feeling thrilled that I was back in the Shadow Cabinet having won three out of four elections; was continuing as the Spokesperson on Disability when Labour is forcing concession after concession from a mean-minded Government; and delighted that my colleagues from the Parliamentary Labour Party and Tony Blair had given me the privilege of continuing my role at Shadow Cabinet level.

Yours etc,
TOM CLARKE,
House of Commons.
October 20.

Staying power

From Mr Alan Gershon

Sir, Peter Riddell poses the "core question" ("Complacency won't do", October 16) as being "whether it would be unhealthy for British democracy for one party to be in power for nearly a quarter of a century". This seems a silly question. It's like asking whether it would be unhealthy for a man to be married to the same woman for nearly a quarter of a century.

It all depends on whether they are, on the whole, happy and thriving and have the right to make a change if they want to.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GERSHON,
Rozetta, 23 Raleigh Close, NW4.
October 16.

Street signs

From Mr Graham Lloyd

Sir, Mr Cox suggests (letter, October 16) that a good project for the millennium would be to improve signposting in this country by installing street-name signs at 200-yard intervals and by insisting that every house displays a number on the gatepost.

While agreeing in principle with the suggestion, I feel that, in this technological age, there are more environmentally friendly ways of achieving the same aim.

With the current rapid progress in computer, telecommunications and satellite-positioning systems it cannot be long before, if the spirit were there, there could be available cheap, portable devices that would not only give a visual display of where one is at any time, but could also provide instant information on all house numbers and street names.

Isn't that a project more in line with the spirit of the millennium?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM LLOYD,
32 Gravett Close,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
October 16.

Prospects for divorce law reforms

From the Chairman of the Family Law Committee of the Law Society

Sir, There are many legitimate objections to the Lord Chancellor's proposed divorce law reforms, but, as your leader (October 19; see also letter, October 20) rightly points out, the argument that they will encourage more divorce is not one of them. Ending allegations of fault in divorce proceedings is a sensible and responsible improvement to current procedures.

However, the Law Society must dispute that "the intervention of lawyers ... is bound to inflame the acrimony" in divorce. Solicitors, whilst advising clients on their rights, adopt a conciliatory approach to divorce. The vast majority of divorces are resolved through negotiation, with only 10 per cent going to court.

Our concerns about the Lord Chancellor's proposals are that they introduce unnecessary bureaucracy into the process — especially for poorer clients — and that compulsory attendance at public divorce information sessions will infringe the privacy of all divorcing couples.

The Law Society supports mediation but does not believe that it is a universal solution. We favour all initiatives aimed at resolving the disputes which inevitably arise on divorce, but this must not be at the price of failing to offer protection to those who need it.

Yours,
HILARY SIDDLE,
Chairman,
Family Law Committee,
The Law Society,
50 Chancery Lane, WC2.
October 20.

From Lady Moorea Black, JP

Sir, You are quite correct in stating that opposition to reform of the divorce law is misguided. In particular there is much misunderstanding of the part that mediation has to play.

From 1986-91 I chaired a magistrates' domestic court where mediation played a major role between couples in dispute. In almost 90 per cent of cases amicable arrangements relating to the children were achieved.

Agreement is also reached by National Family Mediation — one of the organisations which will mediate under the divorce reform — in 70-80 per cent of the 8,000 cases in which they currently mediate each year.

Yours faithfully,
MOOREA BLACK,
17 Lansdowne Walk, W11.
October 19.

From the Bishop of Liverpool

Sir, Your leader helpfully corrects some of the ill-informed criticisms of the Lord Chancellor's proposals. In February 1994 the General Synod of the Church of England agreed that the Government was right to change a manifestly unsatisfactory law.

We share the Government's view that any reform should have the effect of strengthening marriage and — to the extent that is possible — minimising the bitterness which accompanies any divorce. This was the intention of the 1966 Church of England report, *Putting Asunder*. By implementing only some of its proposals, the 1969 Act (and still more the "special procedure" changes in the 1970s) fatally undermined its central purpose.

This serves as a warning against ill-judged reform in this area. The Government has consulted very widely and we believe the Lord Chancellor is moving in the right general direction. The bishops have serious reservations on a limited number of points. We shall express them vigorously when the legislation is introduced.

Provided we get satisfactory assurances on those points, I believe the majority of bishops will support the Government.

Yours faithfully,
†DAVID LIVERPOOL (Chairman),
Board for Social Responsibility,
The General Synod of the
Church of England,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1.
October 20.

From Judge David Price

Sir, May I, as one who has sat in a divorce court since 1968, comment on your excellent leader.

The chances of possible reconciliation in the 70 per cent of cases where unreasonable behaviour is relied on are greatly reduced by the respondent having to read the details of his alleged behaviour (often, though not always, greatly exaggerated) in the petition.

Between 1970 and 1974 I tried all cases in which "conduct" was alleged to be relevant to the division of assets and payment of maintenance at Croydon County Court. In almost every case the truth was "six of one and half a dozen of the other".

Accusations do not "fly across the court room". Proof of the alleged grounds for divorce in the petition is given simply by the petitioner lodging a formal affidavit stating the allegations are true. The respondent does not see the affidavit at all. Indeed, unless the case is quite exceptional or the respondent is rich, legal assistance to defend the divorce will not have been available. The vast majority of cases thus go undefended and allegations are untested.

Filing a petition does not necessarily end a marriage. In 4-7 per cent of cases the petitioner does not proceed. My hope is that with more accessible marriage counselling this proportion can be increased.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PRICE
(Deputy District Judge),
35 Leinster Avenue, SW14.
October 20.

Sentencing policy

From Mr Terence Neville, JP

Sir, I write to record my support for some of Michael Howard's sentencing initiatives (letters, October 19) and to take issue, with respect, with the reported views of the Lord Chief Justice (details, October 13).

Whilst I entirely agree with Lord Taylor of Gosforth when he says that the likelihood of detection is a deterrent, that can only be part of the equation. The likelihood of detection for young criminals subsequently sent on safari would not, in my view, have the same deterrent effect as certainty of being punished and sent to appropriate forms of detention where a rigorous discipline is enforced.

Likewise, the likelihood of detection with the prospect of a prison sentence, in practical terms, of only half the sentence is equally not a deterrent and in the Home Secretary's words "sends the wrong signals to criminals".

There is a certain paradox in what the Lord Chief Justice says. Whilst he argues for discretion to remain with the judiciary (with which I wholeheartedly agree), the reality is that under the present system that discretion is interfered with by the application of an automatic statutory release date.

What the Home Secretary proposes as regards the length of sentence would give the courts precisely what they have been asking for — ie, a discretion to determine the sentence that the offender actually serves.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE NEVILLE,
Elmswood,
32 Elmscott Gardens, N21.
October 19.

From Mr Edward Watson

Sir, Upon hearing Michael Howard's Blackpool speech, I reached for Mozley and Whiteley's law dictionary. Under "Judge", it said: "One invested with authority to ... award the proper punishment to offenders."

There was no entry under "Home Secretary".

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD WATSON,
61 Totternhoe Road,
Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

Blessings from on high

From the Reverend John R. M. Cook

Sir, Colin Hutt's mention of the "Spinster's Prayer" (letter, October 19) reminds me of the line contained in the hymn compilations of Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818-1895): "E-ven me! E-ven me! Let some droppings fall on me!"

The "Ornithologist's Prayer"?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. M. COOK,
(Director of Training),
All Souls Church,
Langham Place, W1.

J'accuse!

From Professor Emeritus Douglas Johnson

Sir, I was surprised to read in your issue of October 19, in the "Anniversaries" section, that Captain Alfred Dreyfus had been born in Mülhausen, Alsace, in 1859. Surely this should have been, in that year, Mulhouse? On reflection he should not have appeared in that issue at all, since he was born on October 9, 1859.

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS JOHNSON (Author,
France and the Dreyfus Affair, 1963),
29 Rudall Crescent, NW3.
October 20.

Charities and lottery

From the Reverend Peter Sear

Sir, Charities will be heartened by the Government's announcement that it is setting up an inquiry into the effect of the National Lottery upon their income (report, October 21). However, I hope that the terms of reference of the inquiry will focus on the effect of the National Lottery upon donations to charities (rather than upon their income).

It is those charities which rely upon public donations that will have been hardest hit by the impact of the National Lottery. Many other charities receive their income not from donations but from the interest on their endowment capital. The National Lottery would have no impact upon them.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SEAR,
The Rectory,
17 Church Gate,
Thatcham, Berkshire.
October 21.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Risks and benefits of price cutting

From Professor Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

Sir, Amidst the euphoria attending the freeing of the price of some common medicines (report, October 17) and books (report, September 27), there is a need for a word of warning.

I was brought up to believe that there were two legitimate prices for any commodity, a fair price and a market price, and that in healthy economies these two prices would be the same. The fair price is defined as that reflecting the cost of an article efficiently made and efficiently distributed, together with a margin of profit which would reward the shareholders for their risk and allow for further investment. The cost of manufacture and distribution would be based on fair wages for those employed, and so on.

The market price represents the value put on the article by the purchaser in a market free from artificial constraints. In a responsive mode it can only differ significantly from the fair price as the result of exceptional circumstances of market failure, product obsolescence or product innovation.

Where market operators seek deliberately to distort the market by undercutting prices they fool the public into believing that their new, lower prices are a general blessing without hidden costs of inconvenience, indiscriminate demanning, social upheaval and, in the end, restricted choice.

This may be harmless at the level of the street trader but on the national scale unrestrained competition is, like any other unrestrained force, a positive feed-back loop with unpredictable and possibly disastrous outcomes. Surely we are old enough and wise enough to wish not to risk the future in this uncivilised way.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM HILLS,
Sunnyside of Threepwood,
Laigh Threepwood,
Beith, Ayrshire.
October 17.

From Dr Trevor I. Williams

Sir, The move by Asda to cut the price of its pharmaceutical products is excellent news. Many drugs are intrinsically expensive — sometimes exceedingly so — because the active ingredient is difficult and costly to manufacture, enormous research investment has to be written off, and for other good reasons.

But for many of the across-the-counter medicaments, for relief of common ailments, the cost of the ingredients per individual pack is almost negligible and the formulation involves only well-tried procedures. Yet they are sold in huge quantities at prices that can only be described as exorbitant.

This section of the pharmaceutical industry has held the public to ransom for far too long.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR I. WILLIAMS,
20 Blenheim Drive, Oxford.
October 17.

GPs' home visits

From Dr J. H. K. Fitton

Sir, Bupa is to offer unlimited telephone advice from a GP at any time for £72 pa, plus a charge of £30 per visit (report, October 16). I trust they will include unhealthy people with recurrent or chronic illness.

I and my five partners do around 6,000 home visits a year in our practice of over 13,000 patients. With such an income we could afford to do the bulk of our work — ie, dealing personally with patients' problems in the surgery — free of charge.

No wonder GP recruitment is in crisis when we have to run large well-staffed computerised practices open for 50 hours a week, plus a 24-hour on-call service, for around £50 per patient pa.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FITTON,
26 Cranford Road,
Barton Seagrave, Northamptonshire.

Clichés for our times

From Mr Oliver Chastney

Sir, Mr Alan Jenkins's quest for new images to qualify for cliché status (letter, October 17) may prove to be as elusive as the needle in a haystack he mentions. "Like looking for a needle *or* a haystack" might do.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER CHASTNEY,
53 Keswick Road,
Cringleford, Norwich, Norfolk.
October 18.

From Mrs Karen W. Hillyer

Sir, As difficult to find as a career in a job centre?

Yours,
KAREN W. HILLYER,
2 Willoughby Close,
Ernesford Grange,
Coventry, West Midlands.

From Ms Sally Roberts

Sir, Once I have finished surfing the net and have come to a complete stop after my high-speed journey along the information superhighway, I shall let you know.

Yours faithfully,
SALLY ROBERTS,
62 Black Lion Lane, W6.
October 17.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 23: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Enham Trust, attended a Luncheon to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Egyptian Gift (commemorating the Battle of El Alamein) to the Enham Trust at Enham Place, Enham Alamein, Andover.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

YORK HOUSE
October 23: The Duke of Kent, President of the Council, the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, this afternoon received Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Chairman.

The Queen has appointed Sir Aaron Klug to be a member of the Order of Merit.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Margaret will attend a reception given by the Portman House Trust at St James's Palace at 6.00 in aid of their Stepping Stone Appeal.

The Duke of Kent will visit British Nuclear Fuels, Sellafield, at 10.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as president, will attend the Marie Curie Cancer Care annual meeting at Belgrave Square at 5.50.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia.

British Council
Sir John Hanson, Director General of the British Council, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens, SW1, in honour of the South African Minister of Education.

Reception

Institute of Physics
Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, presented a gift and commemorative certificate to Ms Janet Charlton, of Matra Marconi Space, the 20,000th member of the Institute of Physics, at a reception held last night at 47 Belgrave Square to mark the occasion. Sir Arnold Wolfendale, FRS, president, presided.

Miss Dilys Powell

A memorial service for Miss Dilys Powell will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, at 4pm on Wednesday, November 1. Anyone wishing to attend should write for tickets to: Ian Coxon, Managing Editor (Production), The Sunday Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XW.

Sir Charles Irving

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Charles Irving will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, November 2. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: Room 2, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Monty Baker-Munton

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Monty Baker-Munton on Thursday, November 23, at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, WC2, at noon. All friends are welcome, those wishing to attend please contact Bentons, Bildeston, Ipswich, IP7 7JR.

The Oratory School Society

The Annual Requiem Mass for deceased Old Oratorians will take place at 6.30pm, on Thursday, November 16, in the Little Oratory, Brompton, London, SW7. There will be refreshment after the service.

Dinners

Launderers' Company
Mr James I.S. Fox, Master of the Launderers' Company, assisted by Mr Brian St John Mowbray, Mr David R. Browne and Mr Richard C.L. Orford, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Launderers' Hall. Judge Coltart was the speaker. Mr Michael Sutcliffe, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, was also present.

Earlier, the Company's annual service was held in Southwark Cathedral.

Parish Clerks' Company
Mr J.C.B. Wittich, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by the Rev Graham Blacktop and Mr O.W.H. Clark, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Watermen's Hall. Mr S. Walsh, Parish Clerk of St Augustine Old Change, and Mr Tom Perrott, Chairman of the Ghost Club, also spoke.

Cardiff Business Club
The president of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd-Edwards, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Timothy Davies and the Vice Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, Councillor Barry Doughty, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the South Glamorgan County Hall, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Mr Richard Lambert, Editor, *The Financial Times*. Sir Geoffrey Inkin, Chairman, Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, presided.

Ball

British Red Cross
Mr John F. Gray, Director of Public Affairs, British Red Cross, and Mr Jonathan Stone, chairman of the gala committee, were the speakers at the Ambassadors' Gala Ball held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall in aid of the British Red Cross 125th appeal.

Earlier the Ambassadors of Brazil, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, America, and the High Commissioners of Australia and New Zealand were the hosts at dinner parties held at their residences. The High Commissioner of Zimbabwe and Baroness Chalker of Wallasey were the hosts at a dinner held at Lancaster House.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Robert Gordon Clark was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

Talk

St Mary Abchurch
Mr Clive Marks gave a lunchtime talk last Wednesday at St Mary Abchurch in the City on the subject "Prayer - Has It Fallen Victim To Modern Living?". The Rev Oswald Clark, CBE, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg also spoke.

Church of Scotland

The Rev John Hedley McIndoe, minister of St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, has been nominated as Moderator-Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 1996-97.

Appointments

Mr Roger Graham Chapple to be an Assistant Judge Advocate General from today.

ALAN WELLER



A range of Red Cross uniforms were modelled yesterday at the Imperial War Museum where a display to mark the 125th birthday of the British Red Cross opens today. From the left, Gemma Sealey wears a current First Aider's uniform, Danielle Bragg a Second World War member's uniform, and Rachel Grant a member's outdoor uniform, while Sarah Reeves is in a commandant's uniform from the same date, designed by Sir Norman Hartnell, and Sophie Burnham wears a First World War member's uniform

On the trail of Alexander the Great's firebombs

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A TEASING trace of Alexander the Great's passage to India has turned up on a British dig on the North West Frontier. A cricket-ball sized projectile may be one of the earliest incendiary missiles, a prototype of "Greek Fire", introduced to Asia by the Macedonian conqueror in 327 BC.

The "black, spherical object, completely burnt and with a brittle, fractured surface", was found by Dr Robin Coningham, of Bradford University, at Charsada in Pakistan, in a ditch which formed part of the defences investigated by Sir Mortimer Wheeler in 1958. "Wheeler aimed to construct a chronology for northwest India by linking the site's chronology with the conquest of Alexander the Great," Dr Coningham said.

Charsada is thought to have been the city called Peucelaotis, where the Persian governor Astes resisted Alexander's assault and surrendered only after a month's siege. Although some details of Wheeler's reconstruction of the campaign have been challenged by Dr Coningham's new excavations, the blackened ball suggested that his basic identification was right.

Fragments of the projectile were analysed by Dr Carl Heron by neutron activation analysis to determine the organic material used: preliminary results suggest that it is bitumen or asphalt, sources of which are found in eastern Iran and Afghanistan, territory already traversed by Alexander before he reached Charsada.

"Incendiary missiles" are recorded by the historian Arrian as having been used by Alexander at the siege of Tyre, on the Lebanese coast, and Dr Coningham believes that his find is one of the earliest examples to survive from the Classical world. He has found a massive wall, standing more than 10 metres (33ft) high, dating to a later period when Charsada was part of the Kushan kingdom astride the Silk Road: the inhabitants seem to have learnt from their earlier experience that better defences might be useful.

The excavations will continue this winter, with the objective of discovering when the city was founded.

The high mound of the Bala Hissar, the largest structure at Charsada, may have been constructed by the Achaemenid Persians when they conquered the area in the 6th century BC, but recent archaeology in the Indian sub-continent suggests that even earlier fortifications are likely to exist.

Cardiff Law School

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Legal Practice Course Results for 1994-95:

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Agius, C R C; Aldridge, N A; Barrett, J K; Bennett, N J; Bowen, A G; Brewer, A R; Bryan Davies, M A; Burton, S L; Byard, L J; Cartmell, R I; Chanter, N; Chick, J; Davies, D; Dean, B R; Dixon, C R; Downie, S; Eaglestone, R D; Evans, H L; Evans, L E; Graville, J D; Hayes, G W B; Henderson, S M; Hewlett, K K; Hill, M; Howells, K; Hurle, B E; Isaac, A E; James, C A; James, L M; Jenkins, L M; Jogia, R; Jones, C E; Jones, H A; Jones, M A; Kellaway, H J; Kenneally, D; Kitchen, A; Lawrie, A; Mcconaghie, R E; Mills, R L L; Morgan, E; Morgan, I H F; O'Neill, R J; Olney, T L; Payne, T J; Raidoo, K; Rand, M E; Roberts, B C; Roberts, C; Robertshaw, P G; Rowley, E C G; Ryan, A C; Samuel, S J; Shah, F D; Stein, T D; Thackray, H S; Thomas, H K; Williams, L W.

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Bowering, M A; Britton, V L; Butler, J L; Clifford, S J; Clifton, S E; Collins, D J M; Cridland, M R; Davies, J P; Davies, W; De Maid, M W; Dyer, S; Edmunds, S E; Elliott, S K; Gaffney, R E; Graham, A J; Harry, J E; Hollyman, J A; Humphreys, C L; Jackson, S N; Jones, C M; Lewis, R D; Little, D M; Llewellyn-Jones, M J H; McCarthy, J J A; Mellor, A J R; Moruzzi, J C; Phillips, C M; Pickering, B N; Pingriff, E; Pugh, P T; Rees, B E; Richardson, E J; Roberts, M H; Shah, S N; Thomas, D J; Thomas, J J; Vaux, M E; Ward, R E; White, D L; Williams, M J; Wray, S E; Wynter, G.

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Clarke, M C; Cocksedge, L M; Goodall, C M; Grimes, K E; Hunter, C A; Kells, V A; Levey, E; Lewis, S A; Parry, R M; Payne, E; Roberts, F M; Rodgers, N; Salkeld, L F; Thomas, K W.

Latest wills

Sir Peter Hugh **Morrison**, of London SW1, Conservative MP for Chester 1974-92, and former parliamentary private secretary to Margaret Thatcher, left estate valued at £1,790,840 net.

Brigadier Sir Edgar Trevor **Williams**, of Oxford, Warden of Rhodes House, Oxford, 1952-80, Secretary of the Rhodes Trust 1959-80, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, Editor of the *Dictionary of National Biography*, and Chief of Intelligence to Montgomery in 21st Army Group, left estate valued at £158,168 net.

Mr Geoffrey Freeman **Allen**, of Blockley, Gloucestershire, an internationally renowned expert on rail transport, a former editor of *Jane's World Railways* and a co-founder of the industry journal *Modern Railways*, left estate valued at £188,312.

European Engineers

The following United Kingdom engineers have been awarded the qualification European Engineer by the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) entitling them to use the letters Eur Ing as a prefix to their names:

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Forthcoming marriages

Dr G.H. Castle and Miss J.V. Geden
The engagement is announced between Grant, son of Mr Bryan Castle and Dr Win Castle, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Geden, of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Mr J. Falk and Miss S. Mapes
The engagement is announced between Jasper, youngest son of of Mr and Mrs Brian Falk, of High House, Bressingham, Norfolk, and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mapes, of Ashbrook House, Bromham, Bedford.

Mr J. Lane and Miss J. Pettifor
The forthcoming marriage is announced and will take place on December 30, 1995, at St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, between Jeffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Hayden Lane, of Llanharan, Wales, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry Pettifor, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr M.S. Pattenden and Miss A.K. Kelly
The engagement is announced between Mathew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Pattenden, of Guestling, East Sussex, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerrard Kelly, of Crickdale, Wiltshire.

Mr R. Romeijn and Miss S. Ruthven-Stuart
The engagement is announced between Ruud, son of Dhr Gerrit Romeijn and Mevrouw Sija Anna Romeijn Van De Stelt, of Nieuwendijk, The Netherlands, and Sophie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Ruthven-Stuart, of Hambledon, Hampshire.

Mr C.G. Sayers and Miss A. Kallman
The engagement is announced between Charles Gavin, younger son of the late Colonel C.L. Sayers and of Mrs Sayers, of Chieveley, Newbury, Berkshire, and Amy, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Martin Kallman, of Seal Rock, Oregon, USA.

Marriage

Dr M.S. Higgs and Miss E.A. Williamson
The marriage took place at Boughton Monchelsea Place, on Wednesday, October 18, between Malcolm Slade Higgs and Elizabeth Ann Williamson.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, London, 1644; Cuthbert Collingwood, 1st Baron Collingwood, admiral, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1748; Dame Sybil Thorndike, actress, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1882; Tito Gobbi, baritone, Bassano del Grappa, Italy, 1915; Marghanita Laski, writer, Manhattan, 1924.

DEATHS: Jane Seymour, third wife of King Henry VIII, Hampton Court, 1537; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Naples, 1725; Francis Turner Palgrave, poet and critic, London, 1897; George Cadbury, chocolate manufacturer and social reformer, Birmingham, 1922; Susan Lawrence, Labour minister 1929, London, 1947; Franz Lehar, composer, Bad Ischal, Austria, 1948; Christian Dior, couture designer, Montecatini, Italy, 1957.

James VI of Scotland was proclaimed James I, King of "England, Scotland, France and Ireland", 1604.

The Chicago gangster Al Capone was jailed for 11 years and fined $80,000 for tax evasion, 1931.

Northern Rhodesia became the independent Republic of Zambia, with Kenneth Kaunda as its first president, 1964.

Today's birthdays

The Earl of Ulster celebrates his 21st birthday today.

Sir John Adye, director, GCHQ, 56; Mr Nic Ainger, MP, 46; Sir Geoffrey Bateman, otolaryngologist, 89; Mr Phil Bennett, rugby player, 47; Signor Luciano Berio, composer, 70; Miss Lesley Bidstrup, industrial medical consultant, 79; Sir John Blelloch, civil servant, 65; Rear-Admiral J.H. Carlill, former secretary, Engineering Council, 70; Mr P.J. Chenery, secretary, British Council, 49; Mr David Cope, former Master, Marlborough College, 51; Baroness Dacre, 66; Mr Jonathan Davies, rugby league player, 33; Sir Robin Day, broadcaster, 72; Mr Frank Delaney, writer and broadcaster, 53; Captain Sir Thomas Dunne, Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester, 62; Dr R.A. Easton, chief executive, Delta, 47; Mr Henry Elwes, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, 60; the Earl of Gainsborough, 72; Mr Peter Gellhorn, conductor, 83; Colonel Sir John Gilmour, former Lord Lieutenant of Fife, 83; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, 57; Sir Ralph Halpern, former chairman and chief executive, Burton Group, 57; Mr Wally Herbert, explorer, 61; Professor Dame Elizabeth Hill, Professor of Slavonic Studies, Cambridge University, 95; Miss Sena Jurinac, opera singer, 74; Mr Kevin Kline, actor, 48; Sir Keith Morris, diplomat, 61; Sir Fred Pontin, founder, Pontin's, 89; Professor W. Linford Rees, psychiatrist, 81; Mr Allan Rogers, MP, 63; Professor Sir Peter Russell, Hispanic historian, 82; Sir Robert Sainsbury, joint president, J. Sainsbury, 89; the Marquess of Salisbury, 79; Mr Paddy Tipping, MP, 46; Mr Bill Wyman, Rolling Stones' guitarist, 59.

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BIRTHS

ARCHDEACON - On 13th October 1995, to Helen (née Almond) and Richard, a son, James Seward, a brother for Victoria and William.

ASHWORTH - On October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to John and Deborah, a son, Henry.

BADDELEY - On October 20th at Pembury to Brigette (née Afflilé) and Mark, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Jane; a sister for Matthew and Charlie.

BLANGA - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Natasha and Marc, a beautiful son, David Louis Chaim. Grandson to Nelly, David, Michael and Miriam.

BOTSFORD - On Thursday 12th October 1995 at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Callie (née Green) and Chris, a third daughter, Hannah, a sister for Emily and Annabel.

BRAHM - On October 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Julia (née Hammond) and Pierre, a son, Max-Henry Gustave.

BUCHAN - On October 18th at The Portland Hospital, to James and Evelyn, a daughter, Barbara Rose, a sister for Elizabeth and Nicholas.

CARRICK-SMITH - On 18th October 1995, to Emma (née Stephens) and Richard, a daughter, Daisy Caroline.

DEANE - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen (née Humphries) and David, twin daughters, sisters for Jack.

EDWARDS - On September 8th, to Christopher and Alison (née Seymour Williams), a daughter, Rosetta Eve Krystyna, sister to Emily and Alexander John.

FROST - On October 17th 1995, to Julie and Andrew, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth.

GIBBONS - On 17th October, to Jayne (née Rees) and Ian, a daughter, Naomi Joy.

GOLLEY - On October 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Ornrie and Nawar Alhassan, a handsome son, Cézanne-Jewad, a brother for Jinan.

HOOD - On Friday October 20th, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Flora (née Casement) and Henry, a son, Atticus Michael Alexander, a brother for Archie.

HUNT - On 20th October, to Claudia (née Harrington) and Adam, a son, Oliver.

KING - On 19th October 1995, in Australia, to Lubna (née Rickards) and Kelvin, a daughter, Victoria Seana Rickards.

LIVSEY - On 19th October 1995, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Deborah (née Watts) and Alan, a son, Tobias (Toby) John, a brother for Hugo.

MacKINNON - On October 19th, in Paris, to Ali (née MacFarlane) and Andrew, a son, Angus Jack "Jack".

MERISON - On October 20th 1995, to Victoria (née Gladstone) and Hugo, a son, William Hugh, a brother for Elinor.

OLSSON - On October 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Siri and Haakan, a beautiful daughter, Linn, a sister for Erik.

PETLEY - On October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Ianthe (née Crammond) and Mickey, a daughter, Xenia, a sister for Max and Oliver.

RAINES - On 21st October, to Claire (née Teverson) and Paul, a son, a brother for Jonathan.

SHINGLES - On 17th October, to Melanie (née Stuttaford) and Justin, twin sons, Charles and Louis, brothers for Poppy.

SIMMS - On 18th October 1995, to Jillian (née Nathan) and Nicholas, a daughter, Annabel Deborah, a sister for Oliver.

TAYLOR - On October 20th, to Frances (née Agate) and Martin, a daughter, Florence Jessica Agate, a sister for Daisy.

TODD - On 16th October at the American Hospital in Paris, to Neal and Annette (née Bettany), a daughter, Hannah Charlotte.

WIGGIN - On October 20th, to Philippa (née Burrows) and Mark, a daughter, Camilla Victoria, a sister for Tara.

DEATHS

ATTREE - On 20th October 1995, Vincent, much loved husband of Pauline, father of Michael and Robert, father-in-law of Moira and grandfather of Stephen and Sarah. Funeral Service at Manchester Crematorium on Thursday 26th October at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only.

BELL - Peacefully, after a long illness, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on October 19th, 1995, John Simpson, dearly loved husband of Patricia and beloved father of Susan. Funeral Service at St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, October 25th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to Amnesty International.

BRIGGS - Peacefully on 21st October 1995 in Queen Victoria Hospital, Dot, dearly loved wife of Francis, mother of Alan, Caroline and Christopher and granny to Adrian, Isobel, Oliver and Matthew. Service at St Richard's Chapel, Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Friday 27th October at 11am. No flowers please, but donations may be made to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Medhurst, F/D, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD.

BROCKLEHURST - On 21st October 1995, Professor Robert James (Robin) aged 96 years. Passed away peacefully after a short illness at Derriford Hospital Plymouth. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Stoke Bishop, Bristol at 12 noon on Monday 30th October followed by private cremation. Donations instead of flowers to The Church Missionary Society c/o Messrs R. Davies & Son, 63 Westbury Hill, Bristol.

BURWASH - On October 21st 1995, suddenly following a tragic accident, Carole Lesley, much loved wife for 33 years of Brian and devoted mother to Caroline, Nigel and Rupert. Funeral at 12 noon on Monday 30th October at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, NW3. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the Middlesex Hospital Special Trustees intensive care unit may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 (enquiries to 0171-387 6075).

CLINCH - On 21st October Nan Rennie (née Zimmern) peacefully at home. Wife of Johnny. Mother of Angela and David. Mutti of Imogen, Freddy, Alice and Olivia. Family cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary the Virgin, Preston Candover, on Monday 30th October at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations to St Lukes Cancer Appeal, Guildford.

CRUTTWELL - On October 21st peacefully at The College of St Barnabas, Lingfield. The Rev. Canon Norman Edward Garry Cruttwell M.A. Requiem at the college at 11 am on Monday October 30th followed by cremation. Donations for the college may be sent to the Warden, The College of St Barnabas, Lingfield, RH7 6NJ.

DODDS - On 20th October 1995 peacefully at home Kington Magna, Dorset, Ralph Dodds Lt. Col. T.D. retired. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Kington Magna Church on Thursday October 26th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Kington Magna Church or British Red Cross may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL. tel: (01747) 822494.

DOUGLAS - Hester Vivian. On October 22nd 1995 aged 91 peacefully at her daughter's home in France with her family. Widow of John Gerard Madden Simpson and of Edward Percy Douglas; mother of Vivian White and Jeremy Madden Simpson (both deceased) and of Anne Madden le Brocquy; grandmother of Gerard, Nicola, Luke, Alexis and Pierre. May her spirit rest in peace.

ELSEY - On Wednesday 18th October at home, Doris Mary (Deeda) aged 84, now united with her beloved husband Bill Elsey. Much loved supportive mother and friend of Jaynl and grandmother to her adoring grandchildren Bella, Seb and Rupert. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. She was a great lady. Funeral Service will be held on Friday 27th October at 12 noon at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only.

ESAM - Hilda Margaret (Peggy) on October 20th peacefully at home after a short illness. Beloved wife of Dick and mother of John, David and Peter. Funeral Service at Southstoke Church at 2.30 pm. Thursday 26th October, followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Bath Cancer Research (R.U.H.), Combe Park, Bath, either direct or via G. Mannings & Sons Ltd. (Funeral Directors), Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HW.

EVANS - Peacefully on 19th October 1995, Elizabeth (Betty) of Woodgreen, Fordingbridge. Much loved mother of Charles and Margaret, and dear aunt of Christopher. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge on Tuesday 31st October at 12 noon. No mourning. Enquiries to Sherring, 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, Hants.

GAL - Erna, died peacefully on Friday 20th October 1995 at Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes, aged 96 years, surrounded by loving care. Heartfelt thanks to all who gave such quality to Erna's last six months, which were a triumph of her indefatigable will. Cremation October 30th 1995 at 5 pm at The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, Northampton. No flowers please.

GRAYSTON - Alison on October 21st in her 80th year, suddenly at home. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

GRUN - John, late of Unicef, suddenly at home in Hove on 19th October. Much loved husband of Doreen and father of Richard, Elizabeth and Stephen. Enquiries to Hanningtons Funeral Directors, tel: (01273) 778733. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Unicef c/o Hanningtons Funeral Directors, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 1RD.

HALLÉ-SMITH - Robin, on October 18th 1995, peacefully with his family at his side. Husband to Frances and loving father to Sebastian, Simon, Nicholas and Claire and grandfather to James. A very special man who will be mourned with great love and sadness by all who knew him. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to The Royal Marsden Cancer Fund, in his memory. Funeral Service to be held at Kingston Crematorium on Friday October 27th 1995 at 12 noon.

HOUGHTON - Dorothy Uladh (née Lyons), beloved wife of Major General Robert Houghton, dearly loved mother of Lucy, Adam and Neill, and devoted grandmother of Fiona, James, Jeremy, Emma, Simon, Benjamin, Philippa and Charlie, died peacefully in Lydfords Nursing Home on Sunday 22nd October 1995. Funeral at Laughton Church on Saturday 28th October at 2pm. Flowers or donations if preferred to The Royal Marines Association c/o Cooper & Son, Rose Cottage, 11 New Town, Uckfield TN22 5DL. (01825) 763763.

JACK - On 21st October 1995, Jeannette, peacefully in her 93rd year. Widow of General Jack, much loved mother of Kenneth and Angus. Funeral Service at St Mary's Pipewell, 11.15 am Thursday 26th October.

LLOYD - Bassell Lloyd F.I.Mech.E. Peacefully on 22nd October 1995. Loved by his wife Joan, his children Anthony and Angela and his grandchildren. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Freeman Bros., 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2BP.

LORD - Lawrence, much loved by Helen, died on 17th October 1995. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, 11.15 am Wednesday 25th October. Flowers to Ballard & Barker, 308 Old Brompton Road, SW5. "Farewell Foxwell, whatever you imparted to me in your life, will now live on through mine".

MARLEY - On 18th October 1995 at her home Susan-Jane (née Tolhurst). Beloved mother of Roderick, Graham and Gabrielle, loving grandmother of Rachel and sister to Phoebe and Desmond. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Stephen, Gloucester Road, Kensington on Monday 30th October at 1 pm followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired are in aid of The Tibetan Spaniel Association or Ethiopian Aid and may be sent to Colin J. Close Funeral Service, 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset, tel: (01258) 453153.

MARTIN - Marjorie who died peacefully at home in Burnham on 19th October, will be mourned by her many friends as a generous patron and benefactor to many good causes. Her funeral will be on 27th October at 2 pm in Hitchin Church. Flowers may be sent to Sawyer Funeral Service, Marlow, Bucks.

MORTIMORE - Robert Anthony, on 21st October peacefully in hospital, much loved husband of the late Katharine, father of Simon and Angela and grandfather of Laura and Edward.

POOLER - Kenneth Hindley FCIB, peacefully at home, after a long illness patiently borne, on Trafalgar Day, October 21st 1995, aged 67. Dearly loved husband of Adrianne, father of Helen and Mandy, and much loved father-in-law and grandfather. Former Member of The Council of the Institute of Bankers, past President of BIFU, Rotarian and faithful servant of the Methodist Church. Funeral Service at St John's Methodist Church, Hindley, at 12 noon Thursday 26th October, followed by committal at Overdale Crematorium, Bolton at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Stroke Association c/o Shaws, 20 Park Street, Bolton.

POPE - John Sinclair died peacefully at home on October 21st aged 81 years. Cremation service private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, on Friday October 27th at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if wished may be given for Crediton Church c/o A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, Devon.

PULLEY - On 17th October 1995, Charles St John Pulley aged 83, much loved by his family and friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 27th October at 10.45 am. Any enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, Westminster, SW1P 1JU, tel: (0171) 834-4624.

RAMSHALL - On October 21st 1995, in Truro, Cornwall, late of South Africa, Dr. John Denis Ramshall, C.Eng., F.I.E.E., Ph.D. Freeman of the City of London, Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers, loving father of Diana and Andrew, widower of Marjorie. Husband of Joan (deceased). A funeral will take place on Friday 27th October at 2.20 pm at Penmount Crematorium, Truro. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Benevolent Fund, Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD F.A.O. Mr Everard.

RAYNE - JR died peacefully in the Radcliffe Infirmary, 21st October. Loving and much loved husband of Norma. Adored father of Philippa and Tim. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be held in Oxford at a later date. Donations, if desired, to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

RICHARDSON - Rev. E.R. (Dick) on 23rd October aged 86 years. Dearly beloved husband of Dorothy and dear father of Anne and Margaret, and much loved grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30pm on Tuesday 31st October at Christ Church, Hitchin. Donations if wished either to MHA or MCOD.

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS - John Alister on 21st October in his 89th year. Peacefully at home amidst two generations of family. Funeral at St Anne's Church, Syston, at 12.30 pm Monday 30th October. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

SHIRLEY - Susan died 19th October aged 55. Strong adorable friend to her daughter Melanie and a great inspiration to close friends and family. There will be a cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 26th October at 3.30 pm, followed by a Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Putney High Street at 5 pm, where flowers would be welcome.

SPENCELEY-COLLINS - Rachel Mary (née Johnstone) October 21st 1995, Johannesburg, aged 79. Beloved sister of Jennifer, mother of Stuart and Graham and much loved grandmother. Funeral abroad, asked to be interred Creed Church, Cornwall.

STEWART - Peacefully, at home, on October 18th, 1995, in his 89th year, Col. F.R.C. (Robin) Stewart, late of 6th Lancers and Indian Cavalry, dear husband of Daphne and father of Hugh. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Melrose, on Wednesday, October 25th, at 2 pm.

TANNER - Edmund Elliot, on Saturday 21st October 1995, at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Friday 27th October at 3pm, and afterwards at home. Immediate family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, payable to St. Wilfrid's Hospice Chichester, may be sent to Reynolds & Co. Ltd., 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

TOTAH - Edward passed away suddenly on October 22nd. Beloved son of Esther, father of Layla and Talal, husband of Hilary, brother of Arlette and Albert, uncle of David and Maurice. He will be sadly missed and always remembered with love and affection. May his dear soul rest in peace. Funeral Service to be held at Edgwarebury Jewish Cemetery, Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware, today Tuesday October 24th at 3.30 pm.

VICTOR - On October 22nd, Sister Mary (Winifred Eastabrook) R.I.P. Requiem Mass at St Philomena's School Chapel, Carshalton on Friday October 27th at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Bandon Hill Cemetery at 12.30 pm.

WILLIAMS - On October 21st 1995 at The Devonshire Nursing Home, Eastbourne, Margaret, wife of the late Captain A.G. Williams O.B.E., and dear mother of Geoffrey and Jill. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium Family Chapel on Monday 30th October at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only.

WISE - Barbara, on Saturday 21st October. Widow of her adored husband Stanley. Passed away at home peacefully in her sleep. Beloved sister of Pat and Joy. A very special person who will be missed terribly by her family and friends. They will love her forever.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LORDAN - A Memorial Service in respect of Jeremiah Patrick Lordan, will take place at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, St Martin's Place, London WC2 on 25th October 1995 at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

STEIN - P.P.K. (1932-1971). Remembering Peter, dearly loved son of Sarah (Kitty) and the late Leonard Stein and brother of Richard.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

ALDRIDGE - Dennis, Major (Ret'd.) Royal Marines, MBE MC*. A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Dennis Aldridge will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 23rd November 1995 at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, Gresham Street, London EC2.

BIRTHDAYS

HOCKEN - Nicola, 24th October. Congratulations 21 today, love Mum, Dad, Grandad.

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OBITUARIES

D. R. THOMPSON

D. R. Thompson, CB, QC, former Master of the Crown Office and Registrar of Criminal Appeals, died on September 28 aged 79. He was born on February 11, 1916.



WHEN in 1988 "Dick" Thompson retired from his offices as Master of the Crown Office, the Queen's Coroner, and Registrar of Criminal Appeals and of the Courts Martial Appeal Court, the departments which he headed were generally regarded as the best organised and most approachable in the Royal Courts of Justice. He was renowned for his courteously affable but highly efficient administration.

Thompson first came to be connected with the criminal jurisdiction of the Royal Courts of Justice as a deputy assistant registrar of the Court of Criminal Appeal in 1954. Then the workload of the court was light. It sat in one division every Monday, and often adjourned early in the afternoon. But in 1960 legal aid became available to those charged with criminal offences. The work of the criminal courts increased rapidly and with it the work of the Court of Criminal Appeal which began to sit all through the week. In 1962 Lord Parker, then Lord Chief Justice, decided that it should sit in two divisions.

There was a further increase in the number of criminal appeals as a result of the Criminal Appeal Act of 1966, which abolished the Court of Criminal Appeal, created the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal and enlarged the grounds of appeal by making it possible to challenge a verdict of guilty on the ground that it was unsafe or unsatisfactory. The criminal side of the Court of Appeal began to sit in three divisions, four days a week, the fifth being given over to the judges to read through the voluminous paperwork. The task of organising the registry to deal with these increases of work fell to Thompson who had been appointed Registrar of Criminal Appeals and Master of the Crown Office in 1965.

David Richard Thompson was born into a North Country family but his parents moved to London shortly after his birth, and he was educated at Alleyn's School, Dulwich. From there he went to Jesus College, Oxford, where he took a degree in physics in 1938. In 1939 he enlisted in the Royal Corps of Signals, with whom he served until 1946. He was mentioned in dispatches. After the war he turned to the profession in which he was to remain for the rest of his working life. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1946, became a QC in 1980 and a Bencher of his Inn in 1982.

After call Thompson started practice at the Criminal Bar. His quiet and diffident manner was not suited to the somewhat theatrical and flamboyant style of advocacy which was then in vogue at the Old Bailey and London Sessions. In 1948 he joined the staff of the Director of Public Prosecutions and remained with them until 1954 when he transferred to the Royal Courts of Justice.

The increase in the work of the Registry after the passing of the 1966 Act necessitated the recruitment of a larger professional staff. Only young barristers were available. Thompson showed great expertise in choosing and training them. He appreciated much earlier than many the skills which young women could bring. One of his appointees, Lynne Knapman, is now the Master of the Crown Office. His work in reorganising the Registry led in 1974 to his being appointed CB.

Thompson was responsible for the introduction of computers to the Royal Courts of Justice. His academic training as a physicist gave him an interest in electronic technology. As soon as small computers became available he bought one and experimented with it, rapidly becoming proficient. By the time he retired he had developed programmes which are still incorporated in the sophisticated computer systems currently in use.

As Master of the Crown Office, Thompson had to make provision for the increase in its work following amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court which were made in 1973. These enabled greater use to be made of ancient remedies under the prerogative orders of *certiorari*, prohibition and *mandamus*. The remedy of judicial review became available and grew rapidly in popularity, so much so that there is now a danger of its ousting the ordinary work of the Queen's Bench Division.

When in the 1960s Lord Parker started judicial training, he called on Thompson to select the case histories, which, in Harvard Law School style, were used for discussion. From then on until his retirement he was actively engaged in judicial training. In 1979 he was appointed a member of the Judicial Studies Board.

After his retirement in 1988 Thompson spent his time gardening and continuing to experiment with computers.

Dick Thompson married twice. He is survived by his second wife Sally, whom he married in 1952, by a son and a daughter from his first marriage, and a son and three daughters from his second.

CAMPBELL GALLAHER

Campbell Gallaher, CBE, DSO, DFC and Bar, wartime pathfinder and later solicitor, died on September 24 aged 75. He was born in Cardiff on February 3, 1920.



CAMPBELL GALLAHER was a much decorated navigator with Bomber Command during the war and later had a distinguished career as the senior partner in Surridge & Beecheno, solicitors and advocates, in Karachi.

John Frederick Campbell Gallaher was educated at the Cathedral School, Llandaff, and at Shrewsbury, where he was a scholar. In 1938 he went up to St John's College, Oxford, to read Classics. But, on the outbreak of war, he immediately enlisted in the RAFVR and was accepted as a navigator. His first posting was to No 51 Squadron equipped with Whitley bombers. He participated in many raids over Germany as well as in the successful paratroop raid on Bruneval radar installations. His outstanding ability as a navigator led to his being awarded the DFC in 1942.

After a brief spell of training as an instructor, Gallaher managed to get himself posted back to an operational station at Waddington, the base of No 44 Squadron (flying Lancasters), where he was Station Navigation Officer. He again participated in a number of raids over Germany, as well as taking part in the Le Creusot raid and a daylight raid on Milan which necessitated flying across France at 50 ft, climbing to avoid pylon wires. In December 1942 he was engaged in a major raid on Berlin, with Squadron Leader John Nettleton, VC, as pilot. To succeed they had to fly straight for several minutes through very severe flak. The photograph taken at the time their bombs were dropped was the nearest to the aiming point in the whole Command.

In February 1943 he was posted to the pathfinder Squadron No 109, which from June 1943 was equipped with Mosquitoes. In February 1944 Gallaher was awarded a Bar to his DFC. He participated as pathfinder in the massive bomber support for the invasion of France. It was usual for 50 Lancasters to be led by one Mosquito holding a steady course, making it an obvious target for the defence. For his role as a pathfinder Gallaher was awarded the DSO. The citation for this concluded: "He has invariably displayed the utmost courage and skill and has proved himself an outstanding navigator." In all, he flew 130 operational missions and ended the war as an acting squadron leader.

After the war, Gallaher returned to Oxford to read no longer Classics but Law. There he met Margrete Prydz, whom he married in 1947. He took up rowing, which he had enjoyed at Shrewsbury and at St John's. Apart from rowing in the college boat, he was a member of the Isis crew and Spare Man for the 1946 Boat Race eight.

A friendship he made while studying for the Law Society's exams led him, after articles with Lawrence Messer, to join Nicholas Williams and Co. In 1952 he became a partner in that firm and the associate firm of Surridge and Beecheno in Karachi, specialising in corporate law.

He still found time to row and was a member of the winning four in the All-India Regatta of 1955. In 1961 he became senior partner and remained so until 1987.

Gallaher's great quality as a solicitor, as it had been as a navigator, was an exceptional clarity and orderliness of thought. He was acknowledged by the Pakistani and foreign business communities as a wise and steadfast counsellor and this is reflected in the roll of his appointments as chairman and director of many companies set up in Pakistan during that period: as well as the presidencies of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce and of the Sind Club.

His major contribution to the industrial development of Pakistan was well recognised in that country as well as by the investors from many nations whose companies he assisted to establish themselves in association with Pakistani capital: his services to the British community were acknowledged by his appointment as CBE in 1976.

He had many friends of many nationalities. It was typical of him that the discovery that a visiting German client had been a flak commander at a place he had regularly bombed during the war led to an enthusiastic reacquaintance.

Campbell Gallaher's first marriage to Margrete Prydz was dissolved in 1956 and he subsequently married Fay Hewitt who died in 1980. He is survived by Margrete, whom he remarried in 1981, their son and daughter, and two sons of his second marriage.

THE REV PROFESSOR PETER HINCHLIFF

The Rev Canon Peter Hinchliff, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford, died on October 17 aged 66. He was born on February 25, 1929.



PETER HINCHLIFF was elected Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford and Canon of Christ Church in 1992 at the age of 63. He came to England in 1969 already recognised as a distinguished historian and churchman in his native South Africa. His death last week removes one of the finest scholars and church leaders from both the Church of England and the Church of the Province of South Africa.

Peter Bingham Hinchliff was born in South Africa, the son of an Anglican priest who had worked there since 1914. He went to college at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, and subsequently studied theology under Austin Farrer at Trinity College, Oxford. Returning to South Africa after ordination, he served a brief curacy. Then, as sub-warden of St Paul's, Grahamstown, from 1955 to 1959, he was to exercise a decisive influence over a generation of South African priests.

During this period he wrote his first significant book, *South African Liturgy* (1959), which displayed his ability both as a scholar and as someone with a vision for the Church's needs in the coming decades. In 1960 he was appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Rhodes University and in the early years of this appointment wrote *The Anglican Church in South Africa* (1963) and a biography, *John William Colenso* (1964). The former work was the basis on which the University of Oxford awarded him his DD in 1964. In 1964 he was also appointed a canon and chancellor of Grahamstown Cathedral.

He soon attracted attention as a leading church spokesman against apartheid. In 1969 he was appointed secretary to the Missionary and Ecumenical Council of the Church Assembly based in Church House, Westminster. His acceptance of the appointment was consistent with his commitment to the worldwide Church but it reflected also to some extent that his family had had to share the backlash to his opposition to the political realities in South Africa.

The appointment almost did not happen because neither the Church Assembly (now the General Synod) nor Hinchliff had the money for the fare to London for the interview. The problem was solved by Hinchliff himself in a novel way, illustrative of his gift for efficiently removing practical obstacles. He simply put his interview on a tape recorder and sent the tape to London, where it was enthusiastically welcomed and he was swiftly appointed.

It was natural that so gifted a scholar should return to university teaching and research and in 1972 Hinchliff accepted the appointment as Chaplain and Tutor in Theology at Balliol College, Oxford. Balliol in the early 1970s was in many respects a divided community, having absorbed deeply into its core the student unrest and political unheaval widespread in the universities both here and in the United States in the late 1960s. Hinchliff's own sceptical and critical views concerning the established character of the Church, as reflected in his work *The One-Sided Establishment* (1966), allowed him to converse freely with, and win the respect of, many students who might otherwise have been wary of the appointment of a chaplain.

During his long pastoral ministry and teaching career in Balliol and in the Faculty of Theology his own scholarship flourished. For 1975-76 he was appointed Hulsean Lecturer at Cambridge and gave the Bampton Lectures in the University of Oxford, *Holiness and Politics* (1982).

Towards the end of his years in Balliol, he gave up the chaplaincy in 1987 to devote his energies more fully to teaching theology and his own research. He had suffered from diabetes for many years and while this illness did not impair his energy or output, he became increasingly conscious that he should conserve and efficiently channel his resources and strength.

In 1992, to everyone's pleasure in Oxford, he was appointed Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Canon of Christ Church. His age meant he would be only four years in the post. Moreover, he was faced with a considerable challenge to re-establish the organisation and teaching of church history in the university as his Chair had been frozen since the 1980s for financial reasons. He coped, however, with remarkable energy and skill, displaying once again his fine administrative gifts and a striking ability to encourage and inspire graduate students.

Although he equally had only a few years to take part in the life of Christ Church, he fitted in quickly and enjoyed the liturgical life of the cathedral, and made time to contribute fully to the duties of the Chapter. His sermons in the cathedral reached a wide spectrum of people from all walks of life and he and his wife kept an open door to undergraduates and others both in Christ Church and from throughout the university.

He is survived by his wife Bunty, whom he married in 1955, and three sons and a daughter.

MAXENE ANDREWS

Maxene Andrews, a member of the Andrews Sisters singing trio, died of a heart attack in Hyannis, Massachusetts, on October 21 aged 79. She was born in Minneapolis on January 3, 1916.



Maxene (left) with sisters Patty and LaVerne (right)

FOR American servicemen during the Second World War the Andrews Sisters were the voice of home, the transatlantic equivalent of Britain's Vera Lynn. Their close-harmony singing, whether in the boogie-woogie style of *Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar* or the unashamed sentimentality of *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree* was a perfect evocation of the America they had left behind.

Maxene was the driving force behind the trio. She was only 16 in 1932 when she persuaded her elder sister LaVerne, then 21, and 14-year-old Patty to join her in a singing career. LaVerne was studying piano at the time and Patty was the tap dancing champion of Minneapolis. None of them could read music, but their sense of harmony came naturally. With Maxene singing the high notes, LaVerne the low, and Patty in between, they became the vocal parallel of the big bands of the swing era.

The trio first achieved fame in 1937 with their English lyrics to the Yiddish song *Bei Mir Bist du Schön* ("You are beautiful to me"), which was followed by a long series of novelty hits. Soon, every jukebox and radio in America seemed to be belting out the Andrews Sisters singing *Hold Tight, Beer Barrel Polka, Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy, Apple Blossom Time* and a host of others. Over the next eight years they sold more than 50 million records, appearing as themselves in 22 films, and frequently teamed with Bing Crosby and Glen Miller on their radio shows.

With the outbreak of war they travelled to entertain the troops, who seemed to regard them as the epitome of American female innocence. This may not have been too far from the mark. Years later, Maxene confessed she had never realised that sly references to "working for the Yankee dollar" in their hit song *Rum and Coca-Cola* were suggestive of prostitution in Trinidad.

Close harmony, however, did not extend to their private lives. There were frequent arguments, and the group broke up in the early 1950s when Patty and Maxene decided to launch solo careers, only to find out that success depended on singing together. The trio rapidly reunited until LaVerne's death in 1967.

In 1970, Maxene was invited to become dean of women at Tahoe Paradise College in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. "I laughed when I was offered the position," she said. "All my life I'd been in showbusiness. My schooling was the school of experience. But I had great rapport with young students. I taught basic speech and drama, not doing things from books, but out of my head."

Four years later she was back in showbusiness, when she and Patty made their Broadway debuts in *Over Here*. The show ran for more than a year but the pair became estranged and never sang together again after it closed. Maxene, however, continued to perform, and spent the last two decades of her life lecturing, singing in concerts and nightclubs, and most recently in musicals. Earlier this year she appeared in a touring version of *Follies*.

Her marriage to Lou Levy, manager of the Andrews Sisters, ended in divorce in 1951. She is survived by her sister, and by one son and one daughter.

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AUTOMOBILISM.

THE WEAR OF TIRES.

A private car in London use does not travel much more than 30 miles a day (though a taxicab will cover as many as 80 miles), and in spite of the many starts and stops, which are conducive to waste of petrol, any careful man who drives chiefly on the throttle should be able to get his tires to run far more miles in town than on tour. Various attempts have been made to weigh the loss of rubber due to a day's run, but so far without much success. Damp collected, or moisture evaporated, or small stones gathered by the tire have a weight comparable to the loss in question, and so no concordant results have been reached. The use of detachable wheels and hard continuous running on Brooklands on a number of dry days may facilitate the getting of definite results, but such have not as yet been published. In any case, the loss of tread on a private car in town per diem is certainly small.

A question that suggests itself is, Can the worn-off rubber be replaced daily by simply painting on a suitable hard-wearing yet flexible and adhesive substance every night after the wheels have been washed. The difficulty is to find the substance which will stick to the rubber of the tire without dissolving it or damaging it, which will dry to a hard-wearing substance during the few hours of the night, and yet will remain flexible enough to wear without chipping off. The reason why such a material will have value is that nowadays tires are so well made, and users are so well aware of the advantage of using large wheels with big tires on them that the life of a tire is decided by the wear of the tread, and not by the failure of the walls.

Expensive overtreads, or jackets, are frequently applied to partly worn tires for the very purpose of getting the last out of the tire walls when the tread has disappeared. Such a jacket costs about half as much as a new cover, and though possibly it effects some economy, it is not always capable of excluding water sufficiently to prevent the bared canvas of the tread from rotting, and therefore failing prematurely. If the paint-applied substance suggested can be, as seems probable, a material other than rubber, its price would probably be a fraction of the cost of a "jacket" for the whole of the life of all the tires on the car for a year. It is quite possible that with slight modification of ingredients one of the ordinary quick-drying flexible enamels might be persuaded to last out the 30 miles of a town car's day, while the complete "jacking up" of the car from its tires every night for the purpose of drying the paint would in itself be an act likely to be attended by some financial return in the tire bill. But no advertised statement of results obtained in such a manner as this, is of the slightest value. If the merit exists, let there be a trustworthy certificate of performance from an independent source.

So much has been made in various quarters of the advantages, comfort, and economy of using much larger tires than the makers' standard sizes that it would be interesting to know why such an extremely practical body of men as directed the various cab companies have always adhered to small tires. The answer is curiously simple, and is connected with the police regulations, which require every taxicab to be able to turn completely round within a 25ft circle. For this reason the wheel-base must be as short as possible, and if large wheels were introduced without lengthening the wheel-base, it would not be possible to fit a doorway of regulation size to the cab. It is not settled that a cab cannot be built to comply both with the turning rule and with the door width rule, while having tires measuring 880 x 120 mm.; but it is certain that such a cab will weigh more and cost more than the present pattern.

ON THIS DAY

October 24, 1911

In 1911 car tyres, like the roads, were not up to much in many areas but some of the methods to prolong their life discussed here sound distinctly alarming by today's standards.

Million-pound strike-force paying way in the Interactive Team Football game

Ferdinand and Yeboah tip of impressive spear



Ferdinand has established himself as the leading goalscorer in the Premiership this season and a valuable member of any ITF team

THE TIMES ITF FANTASY FOOTBALL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH sports

Kevins Kickers, the side selected by Mr K James, of Abbeymead, Gloucestershire, continues to set a strong pace at the head of the Interactive Team Football (ITF) table. Having already secured the £500 prize for the leading manager in September, Mr James is nine points clear of Jessicas Darlings 4, managed by Mr A Nadison.

Mr Nadison's side is spearheaded by a striking partnership that would be the envy of any Premiership club. Les Ferdinand, of Newcastle United, and Tony Yeboah, of Leeds United, were both expensive purchases, at a combined price of £15.5 million, but have more than paid their way in netting their manager 60 points. While Yeboah may have missed out on Saturday, Ferdinand easily compensated by scoring a hat-trick against Wimbledon.

Their purchase accounted for nearly half of Mr Nadison's budget and meant he was forced to shop around to complete his side, which in full comprises: David James (Liverpool), Andy Myers (Chelsea), Chris Morris (Middlesbrough), Ugo Ehiogu (Aston Villa), Steve Vickers (Middlesbrough), David Batty (Blackburn Rovers), Nicky Butt (Manchester United), Jamie Redknapp (Liverpool), Lee Clark (Newcastle United), Les Ferdinand (Newcastle United) and Tony Yeboah (Leeds United). This astute line-up is managed by Alex Ferguson (Manchester United).

While Mr Nadison lives in London, an eye on the North East has yielded him a rich dividend, four of his players coming from Newcastle and the resurgent Middlesbrough. The selection of Morris and Vickers, two of Middlesbrough's defenders, have brought a combined 46 points. A solid defence has always been the mainstay of any team and Middlesbrough have conceded only four goals in the Premiership so far this season.

The success of the two Middlesbrough players shows that in ITF points scoring, defence can sometimes be the best form of attack. As well as Morris and Vickers, Ehiogu (15 points) and Myers (12 points) have given Jessicas Darlings 4 an excellent base on which to build. And it is in purchasing defenders that the real bargains are to be found. His quartet cost Mr Nadison only £4.5 million.

In goal, James has proved useful, if not spectacular, and has added 11 points to the team's overall total.

His midfield, too, is another strong area. Batty, Butt, Redknapp and Clark average more than ten points. Here Mr Nadison selected the traditional blend of attacking players, like Redknapp and Clark, and proven ball-winners like the combative Batty and Butt, one of the emerging stars of Manchester United.

If you think your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week. Which player you want to offload and who you replace him with is up to you, although you must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ie, a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget.

The ITF transfer system also allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership. He would then no longer be eligible for ITF and would have to be replaced. Any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League players who move into the Premiership during the season will become available for transfer.

There are several rules to follow when making a transfer: You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the **0891 333 331** line during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39 pence per minute cheap rate, 49 pence per minute at other times. If you are calling from the Republic of Ireland, you must call **004 499 020 0631**.

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If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of *The Times*, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association, Premiership players have been encouraged to enter sides of their own, and David Seaman, of Arsenal, gives his selection on the opposite page. Like him, you may spend £10 million on Alan Shearer — but will he do better than cheaper alternatives? Mr Nadison obviously seems to thinks so.

All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count and your players and manager win *and* lose you points. With Kevins Kickers still setting the pace, is it time for you to to act?

☐ ***All transfer queries regarding Interactive Team Football should be directed to 0171 757 7016 and general inquiries about the game to 01582 457 444.***

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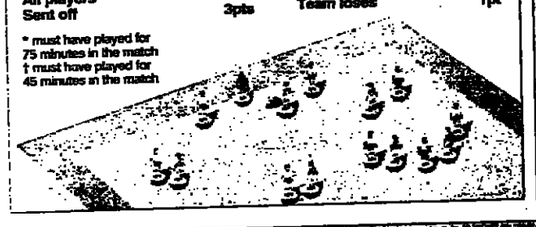
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Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Full back/Central defender		Appearance†	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
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The line is open from 6am on Tuesday until 11am on Saturday, from 6pm on Saturday to 11am on Sunday and from 6pm on Sunday until 3pm on Monday. If there are midweek matches, the lines will also close at 3pm on the day of the match (or matches) and re-open the following day at 6am.

You may make up to (but no more than) two transfers a week. Each transfer is a separate transaction and you must sell a player before you can buy one.

A player transferred out of your team must be replaced by a player from the same category – for example a full back for a full back.

When purchasing a player you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget (even if your next transfer would rectify any overspending) and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The score of the player transferred out is taken at the time of transfer; he then ceases to score for you.

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THE WEEK'S TRANSFERS IN ITF

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There are no transfers into the ITF game this week

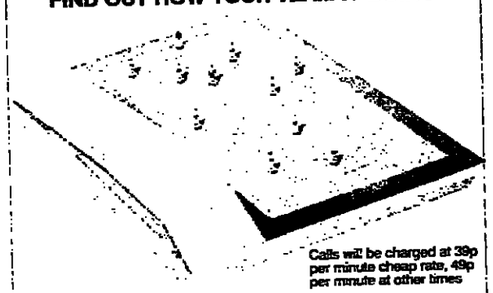
OUT

There are no transfers out of the ITF game this week

THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevins Kickers	(K James)	219
2	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A Nadison)	210
3	Barnwell United	(R Banham)	208
4	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	206
5	The Subjugators	(M Ayres)	204
6	Nookies Bears	(S Cozens)	203
6	Madrid Knights	(R Jenkinson)	203
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10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	-1	-24
10102	R Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-1	-1
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-3	0
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	0	+11
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	+5	+2
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
10601	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0	0
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	+8
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-15
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	-1	-7
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	-9	-25
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0	0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	0	-11
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	-7	+7
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0	0
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+5	+24
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+5	-2
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	+4	-7
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-7
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-18
11701	A Coton	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	+5	-12
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	-3	+10
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	+5	+23
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-5	-34
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-5
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-3
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	0	0
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+6
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	0	-2
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	0	+5
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	-1	+12
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	-1	+11
20303	A-I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	+15
20402	S-I Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	0	+15
20501	A Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0	+6
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+3	+7
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	+3	0
20504	K Sharp	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+15
20602	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+14
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-4
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	-3
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	0
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	-2
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-3
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	0
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-7
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	-7	-9
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	+1
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	0	0
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	1.00	0	+3
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	-4	+3
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	-3	+12
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+20
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+20
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
21301	D Petrescu	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+1
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+4	+8
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+4	+3
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	+3	+1
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0	-2
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0	+3
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0	+6
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	0	0
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0	-2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
21603	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	0	-7
21701	T Phelan	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-5
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-3
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0	0
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0	-5
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	-1	+15
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0	+4
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	-1	+14
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	1.00	+4	+22
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	+19
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-3	-12
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	-11
22003	J Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	-3	-13
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+2
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-2	-2

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30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-2
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-1
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	0
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	0	+9
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	0	+7
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	0	0
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	+2	+12
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	-1	+6
30303	C Tiler	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	0	+14
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0	+12
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	-1
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	0	+12
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	+3	+12
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	+4	+9
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	+4	0
30504	D O'Leary	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0	+1
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	+3	+3
30602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	+3	+18
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+15
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-1
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-4
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	-1	-3
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	0
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	-2	-3
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	-5	-2
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	-1	-2
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	-4	-4
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	-3	-10
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0	-1
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	-3	+11
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	-6	+5
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0	+1
31201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.50	+4	+24
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+21
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	+4	+17
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+4	+6
31302	A Pearce	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+2
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	+4	+1
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	+4	-2
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	+4	+8
31404	S Webster	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+3
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+2
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	0	-4
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0	-2
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	0	+2
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-7
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-2
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0	-1
31703	M Vonk	Manchester City	1.00	0	0
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	+4	-2
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	-1	+15
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	-2	+8
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	+20
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	+27
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	-1
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	+1	+19
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	-2	-4
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	-2	-13
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	0
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0



David Seaman finds that saving penalties for Arsenal can be easier than saving money in ITF team selection

Seaman's saving grace

David Seaman, the England goalkeeper, makes his ITF selection

I AM quite good at spending money but on the whole I'd rather save it, so having spent £10 million on Alan Shearer I had to build my team around him because he cost so much.

Really, I picked the team at random, but having to keep within the budget took time. I thought that Interactive Team Football (ITF) sounded like a bit of fun but when I started to form the team it took ages — *I spent all night trying to get it right.*

Bruce Rioch was an enforced selection and although I'm happy with the points he has brought me I'm not so happy about his price. *He's one of the most expensive managers* but I had to buy him. Still, not being able to pick any players from Arsenal is probably a good thing. Not only would I have taken some stick from the rest of the lads but I would have ended up spending all my money on Ian Wright *to go alongside Shearer up front.* With that sort of spending I would have had nothing left for the rest of the squad.

Once I had spent a lot of money on a good striker, a good goalkeeper and a *strong defence, I just had to fill in the rest* of the team as I could afford it. John Lukic *has actually lost me points* but then you have to do very well to earn points as a goalie.

It's a funny job being in goal, you have to be born a goalie. When things go wrong it's your fault and when things go right no one notices. Certainly we're undervalued and underpriced in the team, although I have *noticed that I'm one of the most* expensive goalies in the ITF. It's a good job Arsenal have made a comparatively good start to the season — because we are doing well I must be earning points for *somebody.*

As for the midfield, they have not done too well for me. Michael Thomas, Julian Darby and Kingsley Black haven't scored a point. Only Lee Clark from Newcastle has actually brought in any any points at all, but then it's difficult to find goal-scoring midfielders, especially when you *have spent all your money elsewhere.* And it is goals that earn the points. But it's hardly surprising Clark has done well when you look at Newcastle and the fantastic manner in which they have started this season. It's a tough task but we at Arsenal must keep chasing them.

I don't think I'm going to get involved in the transfer market. I'm sure my side will begin to pick up as the season goes on and having selected them, why transfer them? I don't follow their performance every *game, but being a Leeds fan I always keep* an eye on how Lukic and Tony Dorigo are doing, so I keep in touch with my ITF team that way.

I did have one funny moment with the ITF though. It was when we played Nottingham Forest in the first or second *game at home and I ran out onto the pitch* with Stuart Pearce. As we went out he said: "I feel I've got a goal in me today" and I said: "I hope so, I've picked you in my ITF team". He didn't really have an *answer to that.*

Not that I have a problem with *balancing the fortunes of my ITF team* and the job I have to do as the Arsenal goalkeeper — you have to want to win and the Arsenal must always come first. But I have every confidence in my ITF team.

SEAMAN'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	J Lukic (Leeds)	£3m
Full backs:	T Dorigo (Leeds)	£3.5m
	S Pearce (Nottm Forest)	£4.5m
Centre backs:	U Ehiogu (Aston Villa)	£2.5m
	F Sinclair (Chelsea)	£2m
Midfielders:	K Black (Nottingham Forest)	£1m
	M Thomas (Liverpool)	£1.5m
	J Darby (Coventry)	£0.75m
	L Clark (Newcastle)	£1.5m
Strikers:	A Shearer (Blackburn)	£10m
	G Penrice (QPR)	£1m
Manager:	B Rioch (Arsenal)	£3.5m

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Ov
40102	D Batty	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+1	+9
40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	0
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+9
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+1	+9
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+10
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	+3	+14
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	+1	+10
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	0	+13
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	0	+12
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	0	+15
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+1	+6
40303	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+1	+15
40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	+1	+16
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+6
40306	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+1	+4
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	0	+14
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	0	+13
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+16
40404	P Stewart	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40405	M Thomas	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40406	M Walters	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40407	N Clough	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40409	M Kennedy	Liverpool	2.00	0	0
40410	J Molby	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+3
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	+2	+13
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	0	+16
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	+1	+6
40504	D White	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+3
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+19
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+14
40604	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.00	+1	+18
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	+3	+16
40606	S Sellars	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+2
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0	+3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+7
40703	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	+4
40704	D Caskey	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+5
40706	I Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+3
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	0	+4
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+1	+12
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+9
40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+1	+12
40804	S Hodge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+1	+12
40807	S Osborne	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+6
40808	G Goodridge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	+2	+5
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	+1	+17
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	+4	+9
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+10
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton	3.00	0	+12
41002	N Maddison	Southampton	2.00	0	+13
41003	N Heaney	Southampton	2.50	0	-1
41005	D Hughes	Southampton	0.75	0	+2
41006	T Widdrington	Southampton	1.00	0	+12
41101	D Wise	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+17
41102	R Gullit	Chelsea	4.00	+1	+16
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	+1	+12
41104	D Rocastle	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0	+4
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	+1	+6
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	+1	+7
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	+2	+7
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+4	+20
41204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	+2	+10
41205	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
41206	D Hillier	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
41207	J Jensen	Arsenal	1.00	0	+3
41208	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+10
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
41302	A Sinton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+2	+3
41303	C Waddle	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+2	+9
41304	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+2	+2
41306	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	0
41307	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	+1	+1
41308	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	0
41309	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+2	+15
41401	J Moncur	West Ham United	3.00	+3	+8
41402	D Hutchison	West Ham United	5.00	0	+10
41404	M Allen	West Ham United	2.00	0	+4
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	+3	+10
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	1.00	+2	+9
41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+3
41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	0	+8
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	0	0
41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50	0	+12
41504	B Horne	Everton	1.50	0	+7
41505	V Samways	Everton	1.50	0	+3
41506	J Parkinson	Everton	1.00	0	+13
41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+2
41509	A Kanchelskis	Everton	6.00	0	+5
41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00	0	+1
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+8
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+1
41605	L Jenkinson	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
41606	J Darby	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+12
41608	Isaias	Coventry City	3.00	0	+7
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
41610	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+1	+12
41701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50	+1	+4
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	0	+3
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	+2	+7
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	+1	+2
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	+2	+6
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	+2	+11
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+10
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+17
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+14
41804	G Fenton	Aston Villa	0.75	0	0
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+18
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00	+4	+23
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	0
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	+1	+12
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	+2	+14
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+3
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+1	+10
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	+3	+4
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+1	+8
42006	N McDonald	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	0
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

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50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	10.00	+3	+28
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+6
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+2
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	+1	+4
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+1	+7
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	+2	+5
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	+5	+20
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	+3	+17
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+5
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	+3	+12
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	0
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	0	+23
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	0	+9
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	0	+5
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	+1	+26
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	+1	+7
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50	0	+1
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
50505	J Forrester	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00	+7	+34
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+1	+13
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+2
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	0	+23
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+5
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+11
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	0	+5
50802	B Allen	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-1
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+18
50804	G Penrice	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	+2	+12
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+7
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	+1	+4
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	+1	+2
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+7
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	8.00	0	+11
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50	0	+7
51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00	0	+6
51004	C Maskell	Southampton	0.75	0	0
51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+3	+16
51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50	0	+4
51103	J Spencer	Chelsea	2.50	0	+4
51104	P Furlong	Chelsea	2.50	0	+2
51201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	+2	+20
51202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	+1	+15
51203	J Hartson	Arsenal	4.00	0	0
51204	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
51206	P Dickov	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
51301	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	4.00	0	+6
51302	M Bright	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+11
51303	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+3	+3
51304	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
51305	M Degryse	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+8
51401	A Cottee	West Ham United	4.50	+4	+11
51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00	0	-3
51404	I Dowie	West Ham United	0.75	+3	+6
51501	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+1
51502	D Amokachi	Everton	2.00	0	+10
51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00	0	+15
51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00	0	+2
51505	S Barlow	Everton	0.75	0	0
51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50	0	+9
51602	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	4.00	0	+11
51605	N Lamptey	Coventry City	1.00	+1	+1
51701	U Rosler	Manchester City	5.50	+1	+10
51702	N Quinn	Manchester City	4.00	+1	+3
51705	G Creaney	Manchester City	2.50	0	+4
51801	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+14
51803	D Yorke	Aston Villa	3.00	+1	+16
51804	T Johnson	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
51901	J Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	5.00	-1	+11
51902	J Hendrie	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
51903	P Wilkinson	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
51904	N Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00	+1	+14
52001	J McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	+1	+8
52002	O Coyle	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+2
52003	M Paatelainen	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+1	+5
52004	F De Freitas	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	+2	+14

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60101	R Harford	Blackburn	5.00	+1	+6
60201	A Ferguson	Manchester United	4.00	+3	+22
60301	F Clark	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+3	+20
60401	R Evans	Liverpool	4.00	0	+15
60501	H Wilkinson	Leeds United	3.00	+1	+14
60601	K Keegan	Newcastle United	4.00	+3	+26
60701	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	+11
60801	R Wilkins	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	-1	+2
60901	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	-2	+4
61001	D Merrington	Southampton	1.50	0	+1
61101	G Hoddle	Chelsea	2.50	-1	+12
61201	B Rioch	Arsenal	3.50	+3	+20
61301	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+3	+6
61401	H Redknapp	West Ham United	1.00	+4	+6
61501	J Royle	Everton	2.00	0	+3
61601	R Atkinson	Coventry	1.50	-1	+2
61701	A Ball	Manchester City	1.50	+1	-6
61801	B Little	Aston Villa	2.50	-1	+14
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.00	+3	+20
62001	R McFarland	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-1	-2

NEWS

Charities seek more lottery funds

■ Charities demanded a greater share of National Lottery proceeds at the expense of arts, sport, heritage and millennium projects. The calls came as the National Lottery Charities Board awarded grants of more than £40 million to 627 groups, but conceded that up to 12,000 of the 15,000 organisations seeking money were likely to be disappointed.

The controversy put more pressure on Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, to order a review of the way lottery cash is distributed ..... **Pages 1, 5, 18, 19**

Leaders back end to nuclear tests

■ President Clinton said that America and Russia had agreed to seek a total ban on nuclear weapon tests. But he and President Yeltsin failed to agree on Russian participation in the implementation of a Bosnian peace settlement..... **Pages 1, 14, 15**

Navy backs gay ban

A survey of Royal Navy personnel has disclosed that 90 per cent are in favour of continuing the ban on homosexuals in the service..... **Page 1**

Darcy off the wall

The striking portrait of Fitzwilliam Darcy, hero of the hugely popular BBC television adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, is unlikely to be seen again in public ..... **Page 1**

Dorrell pledge

A review of the way GPs learn about important health developments was promised by the Health Secretary as he faced charges of incompetence over the Pill alert..... **Pages 2, 18**

Faldo marriage ends

Nick Faldo, the golfing hero whose putt won the Ryder Cup for Europe, said that he and his wife Gill were ending their ten-year marriage..... **Page 3**

Jury hears West cry

The cry of Rosemary West rang through a courtroom as jurors heard a tape recording of her reaction to her husband's confession that he killed their teenage daughter..... **Page 4**

CJD link studied

The Health Department is investigating a possible fourth case of a cattle farmer believed to be suffering from the human equivalent of "mad cow" disease..... **Page 6**

Ear grown in lab

Scientists have grown a living ear from human cartilage cells, and kept it "alive" on the back of a laboratory mouse, in a procedure that could transform transplant surgery..... **Page 8**

DNA hunt for killer

Detectives hunting the killer of Naomi Smith, 15, are to begin DNA tests on more than 800 males aged 15 to 28 in the village where she was stabbed..... **Page 9**

Saudi security alert

The explosion that ripped through a crowded Saudi Arabian mosque, killing eight and wounding 100, has raised urgent questions about security inside the secretive kingdom..... **Page 11**

Chirac accused

The French franc fell sharply again after a report that President Chirac could face prosecution for allegedly using his influence while Mayor of Paris to secure a cheap flat..... **Page 12**

Russian choice

As many as 43 parties and factions across the political spectrum will contest the Russian parliamentary elections..... **Page 13**

Major warns UN

Britain issued a warning that the United Nations must be reformed if it is to survive, and proposed the abolition of UN agencies and changes to its financing system..... **Page 14**

Brontë teaches nurses about grief

■ There is such a lot of dying in *Wuthering Heights* that Emily Brontë's classic is being recommended as a textbook for nurses learning how to deal with grief. Not, of course, in Yorkshire, where upper lips are as stiff as a starched pinny and the knifing winds on Howarth Moor dry the first emerging hint of a tear. This is in Australia ..... **Page 11**

MARTIN BEDDALL



Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, meeting Zoe Slade, 17, at the London Fashion Week exhibition in London yesterday

BUSINESS

Economy: Growth slowed in the third quarter of the year, but analysts said that there were no fears of a collapse..... **Page 25**

Polly Peck: Coopers & Lybrand, administrators of Polly Peck International, have opened direct talks with Asil Nadir, the fugitive former head of the business, to see if he can help them realise assets in Turkey blocked by the courts..... **Page 25**

Glaxo: The stockmarket value of Glaxo Wellcome rose nearly £2 billion after an out-of-court agreement on patent litigation..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 19.9 points to close at 3531.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 83.6 to 83.5 after a rise from $1.5757 to $1.5808 but a fall from DM2.2033 to DM2.1898..... **Page 28**

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Cricket: Firm of purpose, sound of mind and prepared for their big adventure, England open their tour of South Africa with a one-day match against Nicky Oppenheimer's XI..... **Page 48**

Football: Barry Venison, the former Newcastle defender, joined Southampton from Galatasaray for £800,000 having spent only four months in Turkey..... **Page 48**

Boxing: A trust fund has been set up by the promoter Frank Warren to finance monitoring of professional boxers' health..... **Page 48**

Rugby league: Jason Robinson was unable to train because of a bruised foot, so England may have to forgo one of their main strike players for the World Cup final..... **Page 48**

Africa now: The power and vitality of an emerging continent is revealed in a new show of modern African art at the Whitechapel Gallery, London..... **Page 35**

Hidden heritage: It may be hard to find but Ryedale Folk Museum should be worth the effort: it has just been named Museum of the Year..... **Page 35**

Hearty welcome: The Royal Ballet opened its new season on Saturday with a production of *Swan Lake* that introduced a new ballerina and a new conductor to Covent Garden..... **Page 36**

Operatic high: The three productions at Wexford Opera Festival were well conducted, glamorously cast, inventively designed and exhaustively rehearsed..... **Page 37**

Riding for a fall: Deaths in boxing are rare but invariably lead to public calls to ban the sport. Why, then, are equestrian activities seldom questioned?..... **Page 17**

Poetic justice: How Wayne Hill made a fortune out of Shakespeare's insults..... **Page 17**

Heart of the matter: Are Asians more vulnerable than other groups to coronary disease? Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports..... **Page 16**

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Judging judges: David Pannick, QC, suggests that a judicial council, with some lay representation, should be appointed to devise a code of conduct..... **Pages 39, 41**

The spectacle of profligate waste at headquarters while the UN and its agencies run out of money to meet emergency human needs in the field is intolerable
— The New York Times

If one accepts an upper limit of 80 per cent for one-parent black families, which would constitute a disastrous sociological development, then it will be achieved within 12 years at the rate of growth prevailing between 1990 and 1994
— Washington Times

Preview: Dominic O'Brien, the world memory champion, uses his skill on the blackjack tables in *Network First: Fear and Counting in Las Vegas* (ITV, 10.40pm; 11.15pm Scotland). **Review:** Matthew Bond believes that Phil Redmond's new soap, *Hollyoaks*, may have cured him of his fondness for teenage television..... **Page 47**

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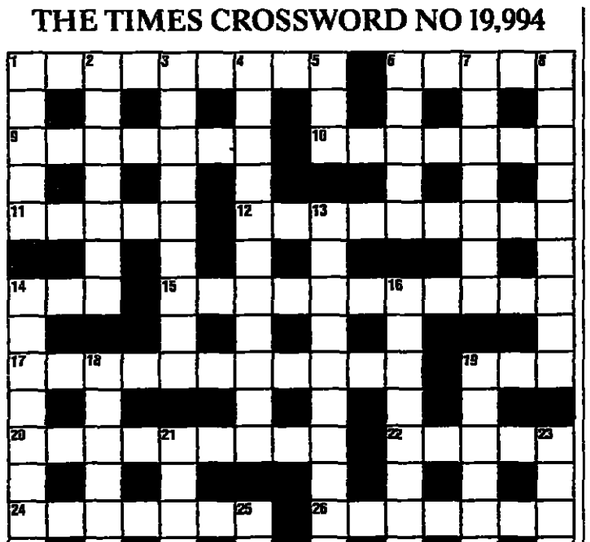
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ACROSS

1 Seem to enjoy accommodating a ringer (4-5).
6 Sets off to return this part of letter (5).
9 It causes slugs to spread in shoots (7).
10 A bitter disturbance that goes to father's head (7).
11 Photograph not sparkling (5).
12 *"Boy climber vanishes" – cable* hoax (4,5).
14 Allow only Welsh nationalist leaders in here (3).
15 Pedestrian area popular at first (11).
17 Tinker with piece of wood for bow (11).
19 Vehicle's a puzzle when abandoned by engineers (3).
20 Eurasian chap caught in rush (4-5).
22 In principle, head of department drew the line (5).
24 River with no fish for sharing (7).
26 *Speaking in chapel (7).*
27 Appetite got us drunk (5).
28 Writer's way with endless church service (9).

DOWN

1 Rolls in the field of combat (5).
2 Dark blue is neat on a Scot (7).
3 *Beatific, like those Disraeli sided* with (9).
4 Having no capital, titled Italian provokes mirth in fools (11).
5 English books, like *Decline and Fall* (3).
6 Row round river with mackerel bait (5).
7 *In a cocktail, insert a strongly-*flavoured wine (7).
8 Fellow's offensive quality shown in candour (9).
13 Filled pastry for pie 'er lot demolished (11).
14 How the drive starts, gear ready like this (3,3,3).
16 Lack of expression all right in a mug (5-4).
18 Old-fashioned prunes in large helpings (7).
19 Shouts into the blower (7).
21 *Capital atmosphere in business* (5).
23 Senior member gets the same money (5).
25 Boasting one quickly steps on (3).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp:Prostat'm, Clwyd, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway 1.24in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent, 7.6hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Much of England and Wales will have a bright and breezy morning with the best of the sun in the *east and southeast. Thickening cloud* will bring rain into western areas during the afternoon, and southeastern parts during the evening. Clearer weather with moderating winds will reach western counties by the end of the day.

Northern Ireland and Western Scotland will have a wet and windy day with some heavy rain in places. Eastern Scotland will have a bright start to the day with a little sunshine, but outbreaks of rain will spread from the west during the afternoon.

☐ ***London, Central S, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:*** Sunny spells, cloudy with rain later. Wind south to southeast, fresh to strong. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **W Midlands, Central N, NE England:** Bright but rain spreading from the west. Wind south to southeast, fresh to strong. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** Bright at first, becoming cloudy with rain, heavy at times. Wind southeast strong, becoming southwest fresh to strong later. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney:** Bright at first, rain later. Wind southeast strong, locally gale later. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Rain, heavy at times. Wind south to *southeast strong, becoming south*west fresh later. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Shetland:** Dry but cloudy. Wind southeasterly, gales. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** A fresher, showery day on Wednesday, but many areas will be dry and warm on Thursday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

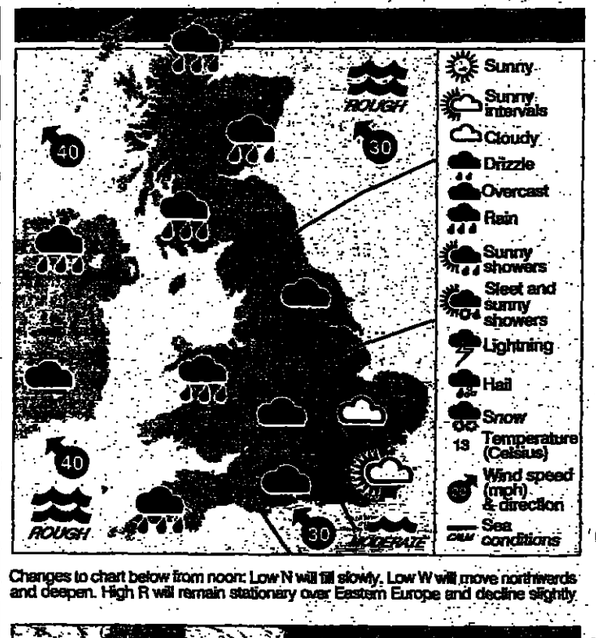
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.25	15	59	r	London	1.3	-	16	61	c
Anglesey	3.2	0.05	16	61	b	Lowestoft	4.8	-	16	61	c
Aspatria	1.7	0.17	15	59	r	Manchester	2.4	-	15	59	c
Aviemore	1.2	0.09	15	59	c	Margate	6.0	-	16	61	s
Belfast	1.4	0.18	16	61	b	Minehead	6.5	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	2.2	-	16	61	b	Morecambe	0.2	-	15	59	du
Bognor R	1.4	-	16	61	c	Newcastle	0.8	-	16	61	c
Bournem'th	0.8	-	15	59	c	Newquay	6.8	-	16	61	s
Bristol	4.3	-	15	59	c	Norwich	5.6	-	16	61	s
Buxton	2.2	-	13	55	b	Nottingham	x				
Cardiff	5.8	-	15	59	b	Oxford	2.4	-	13	55	b
Clacton	6.5	-	13	55	s	Penzance	x	-	16	61	s
Colwyn Bay	1.9	-	17	63	c	Plymouth	4.6	-	15	59	b
Cromer	5.6	-	15	59	s	Poole	0.2	-	15	59	c
Dunbar	x					Prestatyn	x	-	15	59	b
Eastbourne	6.7	-	16	61	s	Ross-o-nye	1.4	-	14	57	c
Edinburgh	0.4	0.72	16	61	r	Ryde	x				
Eskdalemuir	-	1.24	13	55	r	Salcombe	4.7	-	16	61	b
Exmouth	x					Sandown	0.9	-	16	61	b
Falmouth	x		17	63	s	Saunton Snd	7.2	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	5.5	0.03	14	57	b	Scarboro'	3.7	-	15	59	s
Folkestone	5.6	-	16	61	b	Shanklin	x				
Glasgow	0.3	0.74	16	61	r	Shrewsbury	3.9	-	15	59	b
Guernsey	x					Skegness	x				
Hastings	5.6	-	15	59	b	Southend	x				
Hayling I.	0.7	-	15	59	c	Southport	2.2	-	17	63	d
Herne Bay	7.6	-	16	61	s	Southsea	0.6	-	16	61	c
Howe	x					St. Ives	x				
Hunstanton	4.2	-	16	61	s	Stornoway	-	0.35	15	59	r
Ilfracombe	x					Swanage	0.5	-	15	59	c
Isle of Man	0.8	-	15	59	c	Teignmouth	4.5	-	16	61	b
Jersey	3.9	-	17	63	b	Tenby	6.1	-	15	59	s
Kinloss	1.6	0.04	17	63	r	Tiree	-	0.47	15	59	r
Leeds	1.6	-	16	61	c	Torquay	4.1	-	16	61	s
Lerwick	-	0.11	10	50	r	Tynemouth	x				
Llanbedr	0.2	0.61	16	61	r	Ventnor	-	1.0	16	61	c
Littlehmptn	1.9	-	16	61	b	West-o-mare	x				
Liverpool	1.6	-	16	61	c	Weymouth	1.5	-	15	59	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	C'phagn	9	48	r	Malaga	30	72	s
Alicante	23	73	s	Dublin	15	59	d	Malta	22	72	f
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Melb'rne	12	54	r
Algiers	24	75	s	Faro	23	73	s	Medico C	21	70	t
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Florence	21	70	r	Milan	16	61	c
Athens	23	73	f	Frankfurt	10	50	s	Montreal	11	52	c
B Aires	27	81	s	Funchal	23	73	r	Moscow	0	32	c
Bahrain	31	88	s	Geneva	13	55	s	Munich	9	48	r
Bangkok	34	93	r	Gibraltar	21	70	c	N Delhi	29	84	s
Barbados	31	88	r	Helsinki	3	37	s	N York	16	61	s
Barcelona	19	66	c	Hong K	28	82	s	Nairobi	26	79	c
Beirut	24	75	s	Innsbruck	14	57	s	Naples	23	73	s
Belgrade	14	57	s	Istanbul	15	59	t	Nice	21	70	s
Berlin	10	50	s	Jeddah	35	95	s	Oslo	10	50	r
Bermuda	23	73	r	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Paris	14	57	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	L Angels	21	70	s	Peking	20	68	f
Borde'x	17	63	f	L Palmas	24	75	f	Perth	21	70	s
Brussels	11	52	s	La Toust	13	55	s	Prague	9	48	s
Budapst	12	54	f	Lisbon	20	68	s	Reykjavik	1	34	f
Cairo	29	84	s	Locarno	16	61	c	Rhodes	22	72	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Luxembg	10	50	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
Chicago	11	52	s	Luxor	31	88	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
Cologne	12	54	s	Madrid	19	66	s	Rome	22	72	s
Corfu	23	73	s	Majorca	21	70	f	S Frisco	17	63	s
Salzburg	13	55	c
Santiago	24	75	c
Seoul	22	72	s
Sing'por	29	84	t
St'cholm	8	46	f
Strasb'rg	11	52	s
Sydney	19	66	f
Tangier	28	79	s
Tel Aviv	28	79	s
Tenerife	26	77	s
Tokyo	20	68	c
Toronto	9	48	c
Tunis	23	73	f
Valencia	22	72	s
Vanc'ver	9	48	c
Venice	16	61	s
Vienna	11	52	s
Warsaw	6	46	f
Wash'ton	17	63	s
Wel'ngton	13	55	c
Zurich	12	54	s

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: Low N will fill slowly. Low W will move northwards and deepen. High R will remain stationary over Eastern Europe and decline slightly.



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1:20	7.15	1:35	7.20	Leith	2:04	5.78	2:25	5.81
Aberdeen	8.48	4.42	9.15	4.62	Liverpool	10:55	9.64	11:19	9.89
Avonmouth	8:52	13.43	7:10	13.87	Lowestoft	8:07	2.22	9:35	2.58
Belfast	10:34	3.33	10:51	3.53	Margate	11:47	4.04	–	–
Cardiff	6:48	11.82	7:03	12.12	Milford Haven	5:48	7.78	6:06	7.34
Devonport	5:30	5.46	5:48	5.57	Newquay	4:40	5.82	4:58	7.01
Dover	10:33	6.83	10:59	6.92	Oban	5:27	4.01	5:36	4.20
Dublin	11:12	4.12	11:31	4.25	Penzance	4:18	5.54	4:35	5.64
Falmouth	4:36	5.12	4:57	5.28	Portland	6:31	2.24	6:48	2.27
Glasgow	9:57	3.85	10:14	4.46	Portsmouth	11:03	4.82	11:19	4.82
Harwich	11:24	4.13	11:59	4.19	Shoreham	10:52	6.46	11:12	6.43
Holyhead	9:53	5.76	10:11	5.89	Southampton	10:28	4.76	10:42	4.69
Hull	6:50	7.62	6:15	7.61	Swansea	9:58	9.88	8:13	9.85
Ilfracombe	5:35	9.61	5:53	9.72	Tees	3:05	5.52	3:31	5.57
King's Lynn	5:51	6.73	6:12	6.81	Whitby	11:23	4.46	11:48	4.54

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Sun rises: 6.58 am
Sun sets: 4.55 pm
Moon sets: 5.04 pm
Moon rises: 8.51 am

London 4.50 pm to 6.41 pm
Bristol 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Edinburgh 4.02 pm to 7.04 pm
Manchester 4.54 pm to 6.57 pm
Penzance 5.14 pm to 7.00 pm

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